



הלשכת הכספים - תל אביב

Defence (Finance) Regulations - Pilgrimage to Mecca, 1943

Netherlands Trading Society, Jeddah

נובמבר 1943 - יולי 1946

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F' EW/ 107 43

GOVERNMENT OF PALESTINE

C. S. O.

SUBJECT

*Defence (Finance) Regulations.  
Pilgrimage to Mecca. 1943.  
Netherlands Trading Society, Jeddah.*

GPP. 34717-10000-7-8-46

CONNECTED FILES

NUMBER AND YEAR

*F' EW/ 107 43*

SUBJECT

*Defence (Finance) Regulations  
Pilgrimage to Mecca*



to this year's pilgrimage. I think all the  
items must be due to other causes than the  
year's pilgrimage.

B  
4.12.45

(4) To C.F. Co. - 6/12/45.

(5) Rudi Bay.

I believe that I suggested (on the main  
file) a report to Jeddah in Cairo.

U. 6.1.46

B. 2. 6. 1. 46 as

directed at fol. 4.

3/2

mm 6/1

(6) D. F. N.

I have checked the main Kefaj Pilgrimage  
and found no direction such as the  
to at m. (C). All the minerals  
main file were extracted into.

B 13.1.46

in min  
425 on main

1/13

C. 4. 42

DFR/14339

23-11-43

(2)

D.F.S.

Fol. (1) submitted.

With the exception of the last item the amounts stated in Barclays Bank's letter attached to fol. (1) cannot be attributed to this year's pilgrimage which has only started in the beginning of November. The export of limited amounts of currency notes during the last and previous pilgrimages' pilgrimage was not prohibited, and consequently the amounts stated in Barclays Bank's letter should refer to the preceding year's pilgrimage.

I propose to confirm, as requested in para. 4 of fol. (1), that authorised dealers may continue to remit to their country the Netherlands Trading Society, Jeddah, the pilgrimages' further notes which are accompanied by the signature of the pilgrim. The pilgrim's signature referred to in Barclays Bank's letter at fol. (1) is not a signature.

Draft letter at fol. (2a) for approval.

(Initd.) R.A.H.  
29.11.43.

not Bey.

I am not happy about this. I should like to see a statement in Barclays letter extending the last pilgrimage and subsequent pilgrimages.

to an indication of the amount of the pilgrim's pilgrimage.







7. CFE. is making further enquiries into the dealings in Pat. notes in Egypt referred to as C in ¶(10a). (first part of para 3 F(10))

RG  
31/1

8. It appears we should make some representation to Taddah either (a) direct to HM. Minister or (b) through Res. Minister in Cairo

and either (i) simply reporting the number of notes repatriated in relation to the number of pilgrims, calling attention to the undesirable traffic in notes which led to their delayed repatriation, and asking for comments

or (ii) (i) plus CFE's suggestion in para 4 of (10).

RG  
1/2

As at (ii) please

RG  
2.2.44.

(13) C.F.E. ——— 8.2.44.

Jan 1944

Ph 10/2

(14) CFE.

Your note to minute (12). Self explanatory draft saving to Res. Min. Cairo for face for consideration. I have added into the total the amount reported at ¶(13)

RG

11/2

(15) C.F. Hamnaford, Ety. ——— 15.2.44.

Would you mind making a recommendation as to the action you may deem necessary, if any

RG  
1.2.44

May the draft telegram be sent under Bureau cover to the Ministry for comments?

RG  
12.2.44

R. accy pl. send the file with note addressed personally asking for comments on draft telegram with ¶. 10.

RG  
12/2.44



(32) C.F.E. — DFR/14339 — 17.6.44

(33) C.F.E. — DFR/14339 — 17.6.44

(34) ~~C.F.E. — DFR/14339 — 17.6.44~~

Removed to F/EW/107/41

19/AB F.S. ~~Mr. Khan~~  
6/

Pl. to see (32) & (33)

Mr 20/6

I will send on to Rishi Bay for action on  
folio 33 c.d.c. if you agree.

~~Mr~~ 30.6.44

Yes 22/6

37. Rishi Bay.

You will wish to take notes from folio 33  
with regard to the "Currency" arrangements for  
the 1944 pilgrimages.

~~Mr~~ 22.6.44

(38) C.A.

Pl. place a copy of (33) + an extract  
of m. (37) in the file of 1944 pilgrimages

23.6.44

Requesting

Please  
supply  
necessary  
copies &  
extracts  
M

(39)

C.D.

Pl. type a copy of (33)

Mr 24/6

26/6

(40) Telegram No 218 saving from S. of S. — 30.5.44.

(41) Copy of (40) & encl. sent to C.F.E. for comments — 14.6.44.

(42) C.F.E. — 17.6.44.

(43) Copy of fol. (317) & min. 319 on SF/20/43.

original at (27)  
in F/EW/107/41

(44) Rishi Bay

Pl. to see para. 2 of (28). May I have  
Your views on the matter?

(encl.) V.L. 22.6.44



(26)

C.F.E.

25.3.44.

dm 28/3.

*[Signature]*  
28/3

(27) Ag. D.F.S.

Further to para 2. of my minutes (21), pl. see F.26 and attachments from C.F.E. I doubt if his suggestion in para 4 is practicable? I have transferred the draft at (14a) to eh face and added to it on the strength of C.F.E. latest representations in F.(26). If it is approved, I will bring the figures up to date on return as further amounts to that referred to in F.(22) have probably been received by now, and it is also necessary to clear up the matter of the notes received by us, (Govt.) as distinct from Barclays Bank.

5.4.44.

(28)

C.F.E.

13.4.44.

*was placed on a M.S.*

*[Signature]*  
4/5

Rev.  
8/5 for  
refer to  
(29)  
16  
6/5

(29)

Commercial Secretariat, Cairo — 5.5.44.

Copy to C.F.E. — Orig. on F/EW/40/43.

(30)

C.F.E.

8.5.44

mm 10/5

A.A. 10/5.

31. D.F.S.

F.19 & enclosures.

As these drafts have been used to evade currency regulations I propose that we confirm to C.F.E. the information which appears already to have been given by telephone, namely, that encashment should be refused.

2. The question of the large number of Palestine currency notes which have come to light in the Hejaz will be receiving separate consideration when Mr. Hannaford visits Egypt in accordance with the arrangements described in f.29.

as proposed.

12.5.44.

*[Signature]*  
12.5.44

(31)

To: C.F.E.

15.5.44.

A.S.  
BROUGHT FORWARD  
AS DIRECTED

mm 2/6  
with F/EW/40/44  
R/S

BU on 9.6.44

*[Signature]*  
3.6.44

C.S.O. 60.18/5.

GPP. 10090-20,000-16-11-43



(16) C.S.

I comment on (14a) as follows:-

1. I assume the last word at the foot of page 2 is "consider".

2. With regard to the last sentence I assume this would not have serious repercussions on our imports of cattle and sheep from Saudi Arabia if Government intend to renew their contracts with Messrs. Barakat Bros. or other importers this year. I understand that last year all such imports were paid for in Jerusalem in Palestine and Egyptian currency and such portion of the proceeds as were not utilised for purchases within the sterling area were probably smuggled into Saudi Arabia or the Nejd.

3. No reference is made to the encashment in Saudi Arabia of notes of other sterling area territory. I presume similar objections apply to the circulation of such notes in that country. In this connection, I refer to paragraph 2 of (11b) and the first sentence of paragraph 3 of (11c). You may feel it desirable to include extracts from these two paragraphs in extenso if you consider that similar objections apply in these cases.

Subject to the foregoing remarks the draft submitted appears to cover the essential points.

C. of F.E.

17.2.44

Ref. DFR/14339.

(17) etc.

I would be grateful for your obs. on para (2) above w.r.t. the proposal tentatively put forward in the last sentence of the draft at 7(14a).

C.S.

"Paid under special permit" might be added at end of last sentence.

Strengths stock purchases in Saudi Arabia is paid for in Egyptian currency but circumstances may arise in which small purchases on the i.j. borders might be made in Palestine currency



(19) C.F.E. — 22.2.44.

20) In F(19) C.F.E. asks for confirmation of an instruction said to have been given over the telephone to Barclays Bank in reply to their letter of 25th Nov. (2nd of the enclosures) see A. in Barclays Bank letter of 15th January (1st of the enclosures). May I know if Mr Savage gave the instruction & if it may be confirmed pl. RE 25/2 W 26.2.44.

please may I have the main  
pl. RE 25/2

(21) D.F.S.  
h/w. No other pps on this particular  
matter.

2. W.F. the draft of 7 (14a) submitted  
with my minute (14), pl. all suggested  
amendments and/or additions in C.F.E.'s  
min (16) & F.C.F. min (18).

(22) C.F.E. — 6.3.44 RE 1/3/44

(23) Ruthi Bey.

You mentioned to me recently that we had  
recd a number of notes from Tashah. Were the  
amounts recd as indicated in this (7)?

W 2/3

(24) D.F.S.

St'ee in this comm. (481) + (493) in  
SF/70/53 attached RE

£90,719.160m.

(25) D.F.S.

pl. see (22). The amount can be added in  
to the telegram if it is sent. RE 8.3.44

11/3/44



(45) ~~48~~ D.F.D.

w. 2. to para 2 of / (26) H. see  
fol (317) and in (319) in SF/70/43 Vol II  
attached. Lg 26.6.44.

(46) Telegram No 373 saving to S. of S. - 28.6.44.

C.S.O. DEPARTMENT  
30/6

C.D.  
Please type 1 copy of (46)  
29/6

7th. Lera  
28.6.44  
(47) Copy of (46) to C.F.E. for inf - 3.7.44.

(46) hl  
m 8/1  
9.7.44

(48) C.F.E. 26.7.44  
27/2

49. As 31.

Please see folio 48 which is self-explanatory  
I proceed as advised by C.F.E.  
27.7.44

50. Afs. The amount is small and for the  
present I would not propose the  
drastic action suggested by the C.F.E.  
B.V. 3 months hence with a statement of  
remittances of notes from April 1944.

(Incidentally it is not clear to  
me how it would be possible to make  
the prohibition effective in relation to  
Saudi Arabia only. The notes could be  
sent to Egypt for clearance and  
would be impossible to differentiate)

(51)

Mr. Greenwood.

28/7  
Please reply to 48. at 50  
30.7.44



(52) To Cont. of F.E. - 2.8.44.

(53) Telegram no 961 from S. of S. - 2.8.44.

(54) Copy of (53) sent to C.F.E. fua. - 4.8.44

(55) ~~atps~~

For (53) in inf. (You have already  
been before filing.)

E. 4/8/44

BU on 31.8.44

14.8.44

Rip

~~C.F.E.~~ - 4.8.44.

11/8/44

Copy placed on SF 248/43

2/8.

57. Rishi Ray.

Please see folio 56. You will wish to extract  
to Pilgrimage file(s).

17.8.44

(58) In Letter

7 (v6) seen with those; a copy of  
it has been placed in the pilgrimage  
file.  
14.8.

C.N.  
Extract  
a copy of (16)  
to file  
19.4.44  
referred to  
me 7/8.

atirs King.  
Extract en face  
for relevant file pl.

(58) Sa'id Al-Shihabi - 18.8.44.

11/8/44

Copy of (56) placed  
on SF 248/43.

BU on 30.9.44

15.8.44

10/8



(59) Supreme Moslem Council - 24.8.44.

Removed to SF/248/43

*[Signature]*  
1/9

(60) To Secy Off. Al. Shi haki - 2.9.44.

(61) To Supreme Moslem Council - 8.9.44.  
Removed to SF/248/43

(62) C. of F. E.

I shall be grateful for your observations  
on folios 38 & 39

*[Signature]*  
10/6.5.

*[Signature]* 10<sup>th</sup> September, 1944.  
11/9

63. C.S.

Please refer this to Rukhi Bay, from  
whom I understood that some  
arrangements have already been made  
for payment of transportation expenses.

*[Signature]* C. 97.E.  
12/9.44

Rukhi Bay.

*[Signature]* 13.9.44

(64)

*[Signature]* (59) + (61) should be removed from this file  
and placed in the relevant file.  
13.9.44

Miss King

Acting Secy

(64) fil. J.

*[Signature]* 14/9

removed to SF/248/43

NFAN  
*[Signature]* 15.9.44

(65)

C. F. E.

8.11.44.

*[Signature]* 11/12/44

C.S.O. 69

NFAN

*[Signature]* 12.12.44



(66) C.F.E. — 19.1.45.

22/

In SF file  
Please at once

22.1.45

File in question

attached

Pl. make references  
to M/104/44 - I can't  
find them

24.1.45

Done

67. O.F.S.

Please see folio 66 and references. ? as advised  
by C.F.E.

Yes

25.1.45

Please draft accord. dupes

Draft submitted

27.1.45

68 Cypher Office

Please see fol. (68a)

30.1.45

(69) Telegram No 103 being to S. of S. — 30.1.45.

Repeated No 51 being to Min. Res. Cairo

(70) Copy of (69) sent to C.F.E. fi. — 2/2/45

(71) C.F.E. — 14.2.45

16/2

16/2

Bu. 20.3.45

18.2/2

18/2



72) <sup>Blumlin sup</sup> ~~Mr. Baum~~ Ref. (71). I am afraid I do not know the answer.  $D \frac{10}{2}$

Prv 20 iii/1  
73)  $\rightarrow$  C.F.E — 3.8.45.  
15/3

(74) Telegram N° 474 from S. of S. — 14.3.45.  
15/3

(75) Mr. Baum  
? Send copy of (74) to C.F.E. for ref. (76) plg  
Yes please. 15/3

(76) Copy of (74) sent to C.F.E. for ref. — 19.3.45.

(77) C.F.E. 24.9.45  
15/3

(78) U.S. (t)

Folio (77) entered.

Noted

26/9  
26.7.45

(79) D.M.S. — 3.7.45. lms/7



(80) Rukia Bay,

With reference to folio (79) I should be grateful  
if you could say whether it is intended that  
the pilgrims should take this year LP 20.-  
in notes in addition to 15 gold sovereigns  
and not LP 5.- only in notes as in the  
years up to & including 1944.

6/3 7/7

(81) ~~Rel from Memin Cairo~~ - 13.7.46. 16/7

(82) Copy of (81) should be placed in pilgrimage  
file for 1946 B

(83) Copy of (81) placed on 16.7.46 16/7/46  
16/7/46

(84) Req.

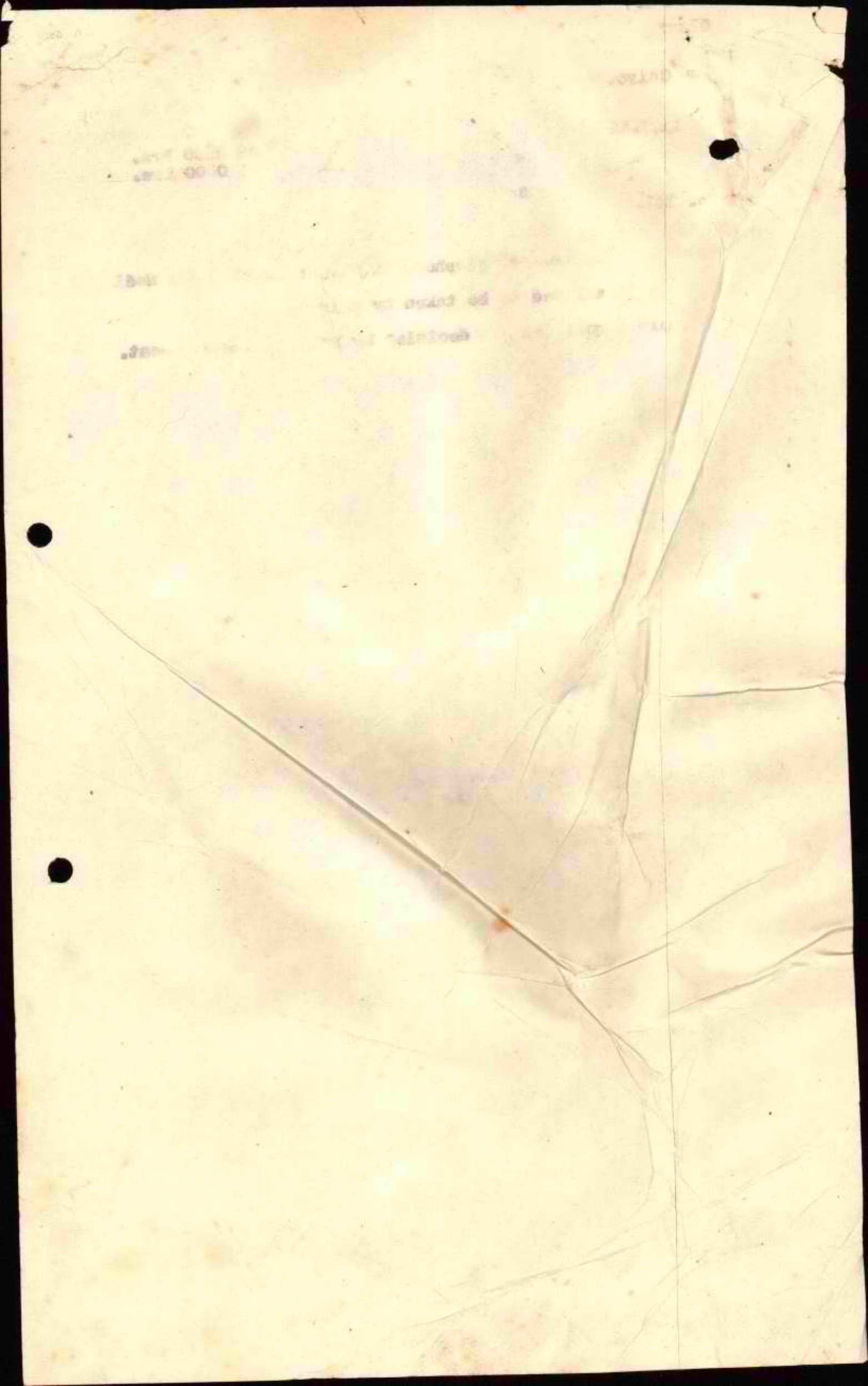
I have already  
settled the question of  
the gold to be taken by  
the Mena Pilgrims  
for the year 1946.

N.F.A.N. P.A.

9/12

on other  
papers







C.S.O. 69

GPP 29784-90.000-14.12.45

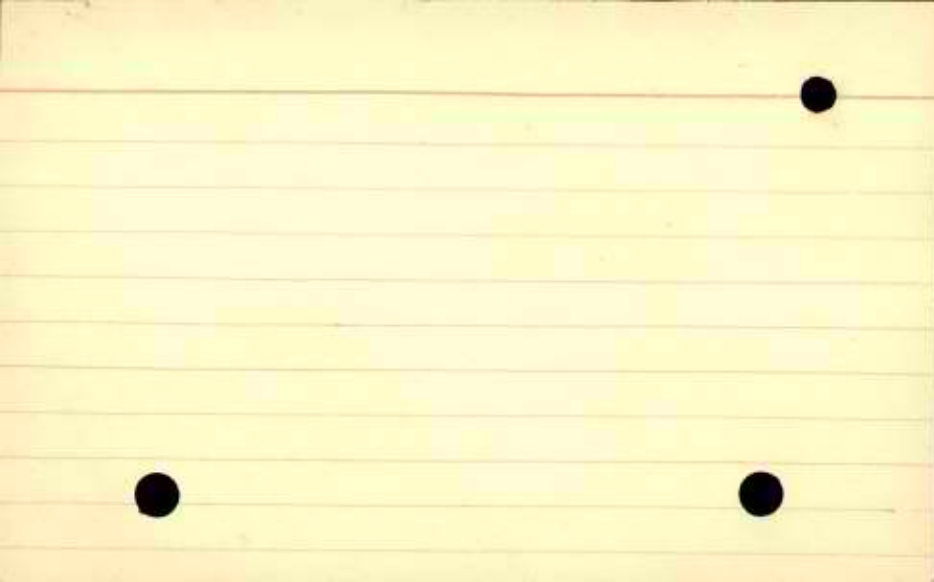


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(D.F.R.) Pilgrimage  
to Mecca 1943 - Netherlands Trading Society  
Jesoh.

Ms. Binn 9.12.46.







✓ F/EW/107/43.  
GOVERNMENT OF PALESTINE.

70  
SF/M/13/45

REPLY PLEASE QUOTE

68/25

DIRECTOR OF MEDICAL SERVICES.  
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH,  
JERUSALEM.

17 SF/46  
not SF  
SF/248/43  
5 JULY 1946

Chief Secretary,  
Government of Palestine,  
Jerusalem.

Subject:- Moslem Pilgrimage to Mecca, 1946.

I would be grateful if you would as in former years repeat the Defence (Finance) Currency Restrictions (Moslem Pilgrimage Exemption) Order to enable pilgrims proceeding to Mecca to take out of the Country LP.20.- plus 15 gold sovereigns per person for non tariff expenditure in Arabia.

N. Samir

LA/DIRECTOR  
MEDICAL SERVICES.



GOVERNMENT OF PAKISTAN

MINISTRY OF HEALTH  
GOVERNMENT OF PAKISTAN  
ISLAMABAD

Chief Secretary,  
Government of Punjab,  
Lahore.

Subject: - Health of the people of Punjab.  
I would be grateful if you would be good enough to  
forward the enclosed report to the Government of Punjab  
for their consideration. The report is in the form of a  
circular letter to the District Health Officers of the  
Punjab. It contains a list of the diseases which are  
most prevalent in the Punjab and a list of the measures  
which should be taken to prevent their spread.

Yours faithfully,  
[Signature]

For the Secretary,  
Ministry of Health,  
Government of Pakistan,  
Islamabad.



IN REPLY PLEASE QUOTE

No. DFR/19125

FILED 107/43  
CHIEF SECRETARY'S OFFICE  
(CHIEF CLERK)  
OFFICE OF CONTROLLER OF FOREIGN EXCHANGE,  
BARCLAYS BANK

(DOMINION, COLONIAL AND OVERSEAS),

JERUSALEM.

U R G E N T.

25 SEP 1945

PRIVATE & CONFIDENTIAL.

24th September, 1945.

JERUSALEM

The Chief Secretary,  
Government of Palestine,  
Jerusalem.

DEFENCE (FINANCE) REGULATIONS.

Pilgrimage to Mecca 1945.

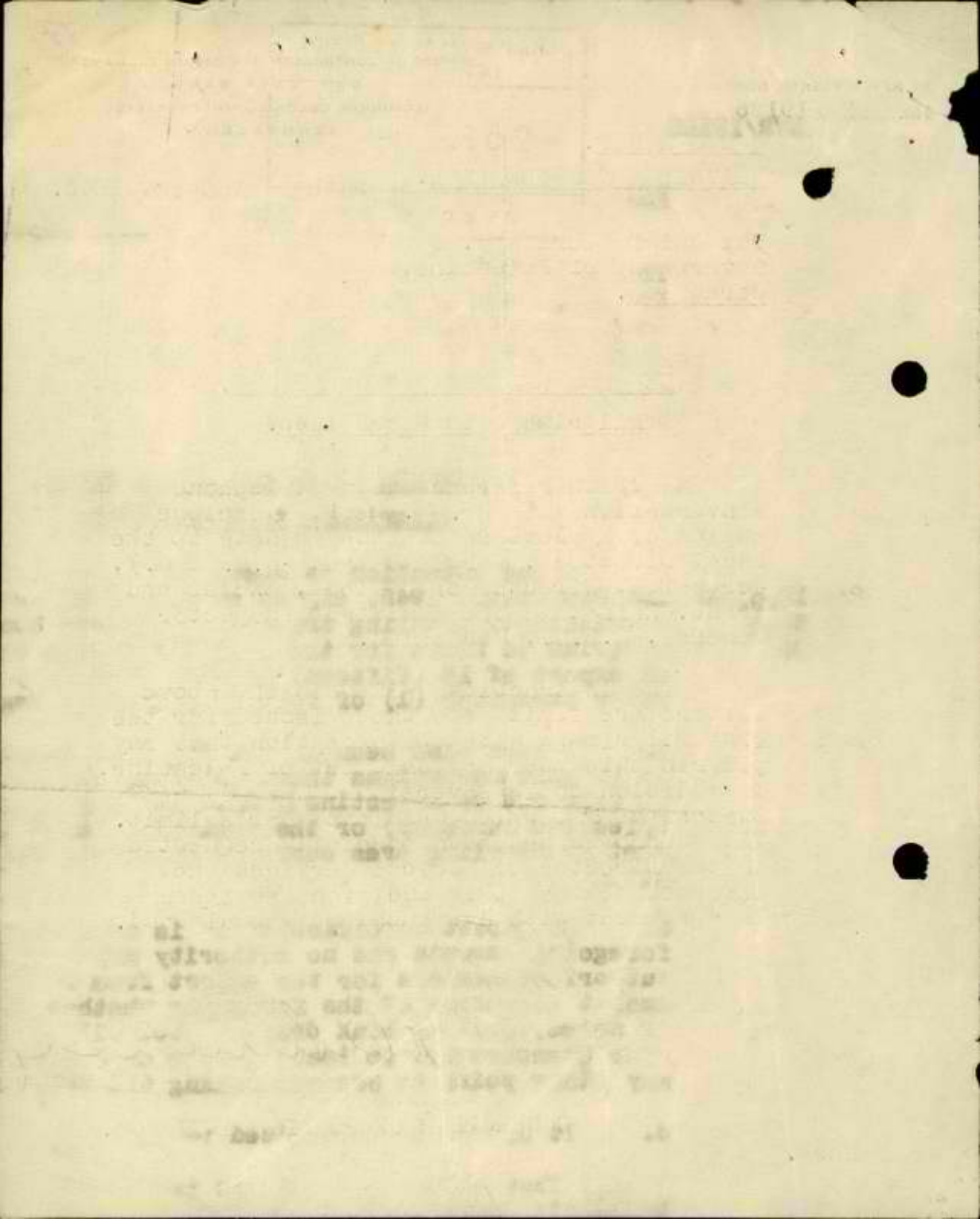
77a  
(77b)  
With reference to my telephone conversation with Mr. V. Levi, I enclose copies of my letters of today's date to the Local Directors, Barclays Bank (D.C. & O.), Jerusalem, Director of Customs, Excise and Trade, Haifa, and the Assistant Inspector General, C.I.D., Jerusalem.

The instructions given in the above letters are similar to those issued for the 1944 Pilgrimage with the exception that any pilgrim this year may take out of Palestine, in addition to 15 sovereigns, *LR 20 in notes* instead of LR 5 which was last year's limit. This increase has been specially requested by the Director of Medical Services who informed me that this decision was taken in agreement with ~~Mr~~ Rubhi Bey Abdul Hadi.

*[Signature]*

CONTROLLER OF FOREIGN EXCHANGE.

Encl.





U R G E N T.

(779)

PRIVATE & CONFIDENTIAL.

24th September, 1945.

The Local Directors,  
Barclays Bank (D.C. & C.)  
Local Head Office,  
Jerusalem.

Dear Sirs,

DEFENCE (FINANCE) REGULATIONS.Pilgrimage to Mecca 1945.

Gaz. 13.9.45  
Sup. No. 2  
p. 998

Your attention is drawn to the order dated 6th September, 1945, signed on behalf of the High Commissioner granting travellers who are bona fide pilgrims to Mecca for the 1945 Pilgrimage exemption of export of 15 (fifteen) gold sovereigns per head under paragraph (1) of Defence (Finance) Regulation No. 4

2. I have also been instructed that in addition to 15 gold sovereigns these pilgrims will be permitted to take out of Palestine £20.- (twenty pounds in Palestine currency) or the equivalent of £20.- in another Sterling Area currency excepting U.K. sterling notes.

3. No export certificate "C" is necessary for the foregoing amounts and no authority may be given by the authorised dealers for the export from Palestine of any amount in excess of the foregoing whether in the form of notes, gold or bank drafts. You will doubtless warn your branches not to issue drafts on Jeddah, Egypt or any other point to persons making the pilgrimage.

4. It should be emphasized :-

(a) That before a permit is issued or exemption can be granted pilgrims must produce either a passport bearing a visa for Saudi-Arabia or a pilgrim's booklet issued by the Director of Medical Services ;

(b) that pilgrims must make their own arrangements regarding the purchase of the sovereigns required; only "Kings Head" sovereigns should be taken.

P.T.D.



(c) that they will not be allowed to take out of Palestine any other form of money in place of the sovereigns.

5. I should feel obliged if you would kindly instruct your Palestine Branches forthwith on the foregoing lines. Copies of these with suitable instructions are being addressed to the Director of Customs, Excise and Trade, Haifa, and the Assistant Inspector General, C.I.D., with a request to advise all the necessary Frontier Controls.

Yours faithfully,

D. C. H. SWEETING

CONTROLLER OF FOREIGN EXCHANGE.

Copy to:-

The Director of Customs, Excise and Trade, Haifa.  
The Assistant Inspector General, C.I.D., H.S., Jerusalem.  
The Director of Medical Supplies, Jerusalem.



U R G E N T.PRIVATE & CONFIDENTIAL.

24th September, 1945.

The Director of Customs, Excise and Trade, Haifa.

The Assistant Inspector General, C.I.D., H.C., Jerusalem.

DEFENCE (FINANCE) REGULATIONS.Pilgrimage to Mecca 1945.

Enclosed please find copy of my letter of even date to the Local Directors, Barclays Bank (D.C. & O), Jerusalem, as Authorised Dealers, which is self explanatory.

2. I shall be obliged if you will immediately issue instructions to the necessary Frontier Control Officers who are under your own control. All officers connected with the handling of the pilgrims' trains should also be advised.

3. It should be emphasized :-

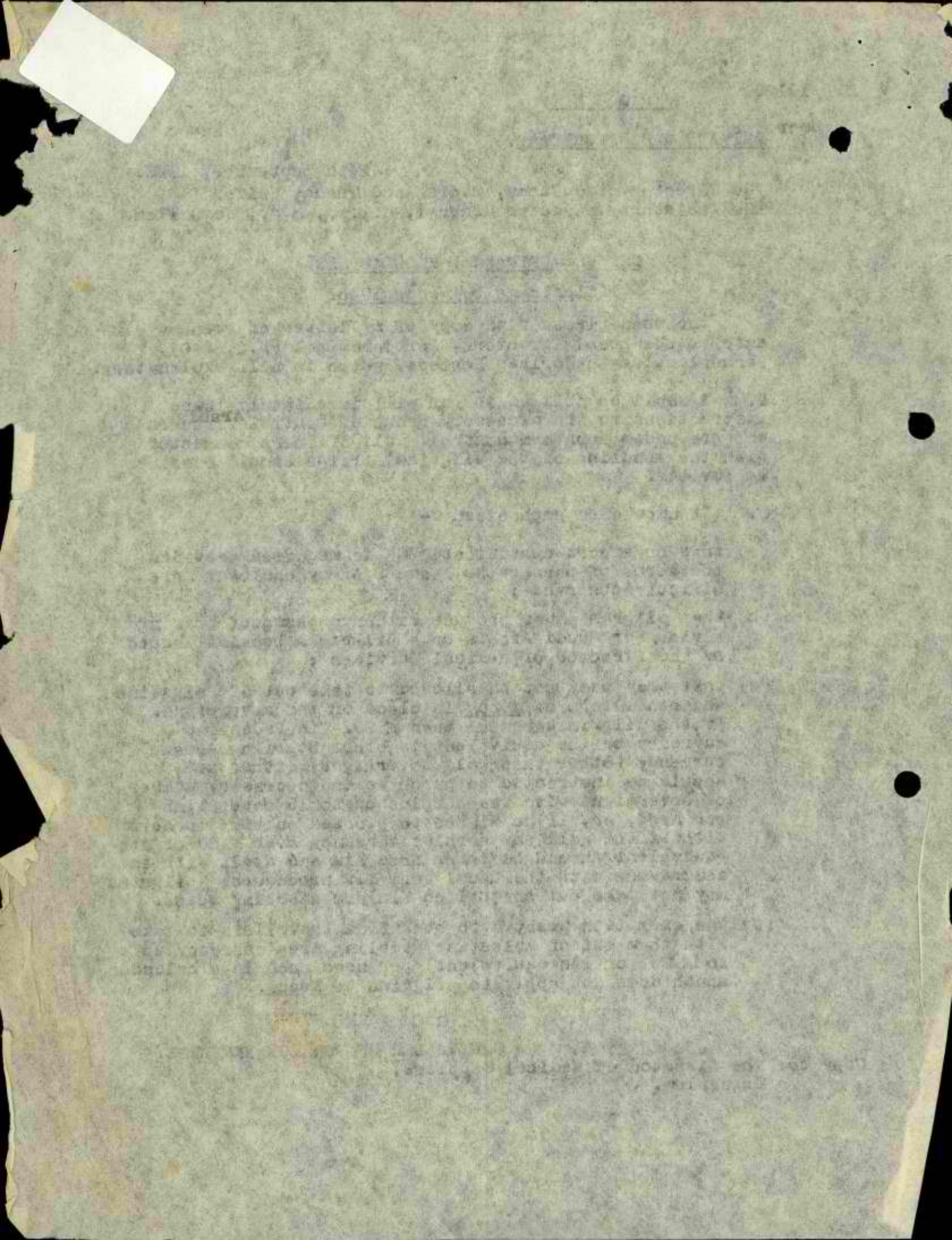
- (a) that no export certificate "G" is required provided the terms of paragraphs 1 and 2 of my enclosure are strictly observed ;
- (b) that pilgrims must produce either a passport bearing a visa for Saudi Arabia or a pilgrim's booklet issued by the Director of Medical Services ;
- (c) that they must not be allowed to take out of Palestine any other form of money in place of the sovereigns. If the pilgrim has more than £20.- in Palestine currency or the equivalent in other Sterling Area currency (other than gold sovereigns) either he should be instructed to purchase the necessary number of sovereigns with the surplus up to 15 sovereigns per head, or, if he wishes to proceed on his journey without the gold any surplus currency over £20 or its equivalent should be taken from him and dealt with in accordance with the usual Form Y.2 procedure; pilgrims may not take out any United Kingdom sterling notes.
- (d) the exemption granted to bona fide travellers to take with them out of Palestine Sterling Area currency up to £20 (or its equivalent) per head once in a calendar month does not apply to pilgrims to Mecca.

D. C. H. SWEETING

CONTROLLER OF FOREIGN EXCHANGE.

Copy to: The Director of Medical Supplies,  
Jerusalem.







Code, Cypher  
or Clear?

3.  
Code.

# TELEGRAM

COPY FOR DISTRIBUTION

C.S.O. 55

From **Secretary of State.**

To

HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR PALESTINE,  
TRANS-JORDAN.

Despatched

2210 hrs. 14.3.45. (Chief Clerk)

Received

0450 hrs. 15.3.45.  
0800 hrs.

GPP. 20487-5000-19-5-44

474.

15 MAR 1945  
F/EW/107/43

Your telegram 103 Saving. (69)

Pilgrims to Mecca.

Palestine currency repatriated from Saudi Arabia.

Paral noted with interest.

Para.2 no objection.

Spoke  
12.3.45  
15.3.45

TELEGRAM

HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR PALESTINE

STATE DEPT. WASH.

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CHIEF SECRETARY



F/EW/107/43.

3 March, 1945.

Controller of Foreign Exchange.

(71) I am directed to refer to your letter DFR/14339 of the 14th February 1945, on the subject of Palestine currency repatriated from Saudi Arabia and to ask you to continue sending the advices in question until further notice.

*W. H. G. Blenkinsop*  
CHIEF SECRETARY.

1/3  
MF.

IN REPLY PLEASE QUOTE

No. DFR/14339.

CHIEF SECRETARY'S OFFICE (Chief Clerk)	OFFICE OF CONTROLLER OF FOREIGN EXCHANGE. BARCLAYS BANK (DOMINION, COLONIAL AND OVERSEAS) JERUSALEM.
16 FEB. 1945	
14th February, 1945.	
JERUSALEM	

The Chief Secretary,  
Government of Palestine,  
Jerusalem.

DEFENCE (FINANCE) REGULATIONS.

Pilgrimage to Mecca.

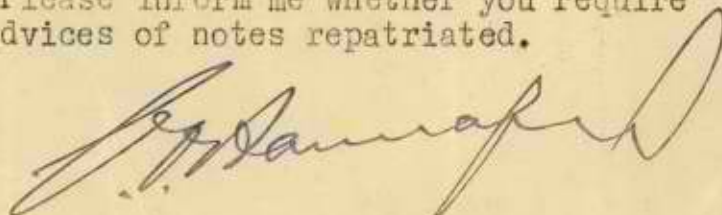
Palestine currency repatriated from  
Saudi Arabia.

Your Ref: F/EW/107/43.

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(66) Referring to my letter dated 19th ultimo, a further amount of LP 78,800 has been repatriated from Saudi Arabia during the month ending 31st January, 1945 either through Barclays Bank (D.C. & O), Jerusalem, or the Anglo-Palestine Bank Ltd., Jerusalem.

Please inform me whether you require any further advices of notes repatriated.



CONTROLLER OF FOREIGN  
EXCHANGE.



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE  
BUREAU OF PLANT INDUSTRY  
WASHINGTON, D. C.  
JANUARY 1911

TO THE DIRECTOR, BUREAU OF PLANT INDUSTRY  
FROM THE CHIEF, BUREAU OF PLANT INDUSTRY  
SUBJECT: [illegible]

REPORT OF THE CHIEF, BUREAU OF PLANT INDUSTRY  
ON THE [illegible]

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REPORT OF THE CHIEF, BUREAU OF PLANT INDUSTRY  
ON THE [illegible]

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From High Commissioner for Palestine To: Secretary of State.

Date despatched 30.1.45 at 1300 hrs.

Date received

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GPP. 18922-3000-9-8-43

No.103 Saving.

Repeated to Minister Resident, Cairo No.51 Saving.

Defence (Finance) Regulations.

Pilgrims to Mecca.

Palestine currency repatriated from Saudi Arabia.

The following is a list of notes repatriated from Saudi Arabia up to 31st December 1944 which have not previously been reported.

<u>Date received or date of re- mittance.</u>	<u>Name of remitter.</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Remarks.</u>
<u>The Anglo Palestine Bank Ltd. Jerusalem.</u>			
25.9.44	Gellatly Hankey & Co.Ltd.Djeddah	£6425.4/-	Remitted to Anglo Palestine Bnk London for credit of non- resident account of remitters.
8.11.44	- do -	£13924.14/-	-do-
11.12.44	- do -	£51350.-	Remitted to National Bank of India, London in sterling with in- structions to credit the remitters with the National Bank of India, Bombay in rupees
28.12.44	- do -	£45000.-	Remitted in sterling to the London Branch of the remitters for credit of non-resident account.
<u>Barclays Bank (D.C. &amp; O) Jerusalem.</u>			
11.12.44	Netherlands Tra- ding Society Jeddah	£7000.-	Remitted to non- resident account with National Provincial Bank Ltd., London.
11.12.44	-do-	£18801.500	-do-

2. I shall be grateful to know whether there is any objection to the conversion into rupees of remittances such as item LP 51350.- remitted by the Anglo-Palestine Bank Ltd., to the National Bank of India, London.





IN REPLY PLEASE QUOTE

No. DFR/14339



OFFICE OF CONTROLLER OF FOREIGN EXCHANGE

BARCLAYS BANK

(DOMINION, COLONIAL AND OVERSEAS).

JERUSALEM.

19th January, 1945.

The Chief Secretary,  
Government of Palestine,  
Jerusalem.

DEFENCE (FINANCE) REGULATIONS.

Pilgrimage to Mecca.  
Palestine currency repatriated from  
Saudi Arabia.  
Your Ref: F/EW/107/43  
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I refer to my letters dated 3rd and 8th  
November, 1944. The following is a list of notes  
repatriated from Saudi Arabia up to 31st December, 1944,  
which have not previously been reported.

X  
Date received  
or date of  
remittance.

Name of  
remitter.

Amount

Remarks.

The Anglo-Palestine Bank Ltd., Jerusalem.

25.9.44	Gellatly Hankey & Co.Ltd.Djeddah.	£ 6425.4/-	Remitted to Anglo-Palestine Bank Ltd.London for credit of non-resident account of remitters.
11.11.44	- do -	£ 13924.14/-	- do -
11.12.44	- do -	LP 51350.-	Remitted to National Bank of India, London, in sterling with instructions to credit the remitters with the National Bank of India, Bombay, in ruppees.
28.12.44	- do -	LP 45000.-	Remitted in sterling to the London Branch of the remitters for credit of non-resident account.

P.T.O.



Date received  
or date of  
remittance.

Name of  
Remitter

Amount

Remarks.

Barclays Bank (D.C. & O), Jerusalem.

11.12.44	Netherlands Trading Society, Jeddah.	LP 7000.-	Remitted to non-resident account with National Provincial Bank Ltd., London.
11.12.44	- do -	LP 18801.500	- do -

*201 in 11/44/44*  
*253 - 11/44/44*  
*sf*  
In view of the remarks in my letters dated 20th  
October, 1944, and 3rd November, 1944, you may feel that the  
Secretary of State as well as the Minister Resident, Cairo,  
would be interested to have full particulars of the above  
mentioned figures but in any event, I shall be obliged if  
you will advise particulars to the Secretary of State of the  
item LP 51350 remitted by the Anglo-Palestine Bank Ltd., to  
the National Bank of India, London, enquiring whether there  
is any objection to the conversion of such remittances  
into rupees.

*[Signature]*  
CONTROLLER OF FOREIGN EXCHANGE.

IN REPLY PLEASE QUOTE

No. DFR/14339.



8th November, 1944.

The Chief Secretary,  
Government of Palestine,  
Jerusalem.

Subject:- DEFENCE (FINANCE) REGULATIONS.  
Repatriation of Palestine  
Currency Notes from Saudi  
Arabia.

52  
Reference:- Your F/EW/107/43 of 2.8.44.

The total amount of Palestine currency  
*direct*  
notes repatriated from Saudi Arabia through the  
Netherlands Trading Society, Jeddah, and Barclays  
Bank (D.C. & O), Jerusalem, during the period  
1.4.44 to 31.10.44 was LP 19260.500.

*[Signature]*  
CONTROLLER OF FOREIGN EXCHANGE.



OFFICE OF CHIEF OF BUREAU OF  
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For Arabic

(60)

F/EW/107/43.

2nd Sept.

August, 1944.

Sir,

(58) I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter dated the 18th August, 1944, on the subject of pilgrimage to the Hejaz, and to inform you that the matter is receiving attention.

I am, Sir,  
Your obedient servant,

*Sd. W. N. Lewis*  
W. N. LEWIS  
CHIEF SECRETARY

Said Eff. Al-Shihabi,  
P.O.B. 23, 23  
Jerusalem.

Drafted	by Mr. Marroum
Dictated	
Draft approved by <i>W. Lewis</i>	
Fair copy typed by MB. 29.8.44.	



August 1944

1/2/44

It is directed to receive  
letters for receipt of your letter  
dated the 13th August, 1944, on  
the subject of reference to the  
letter and to inform you that  
the matter is receiving attention

I am, Sir,  
Your obedient servant,

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ف/أو/١٠٧/٤٢

آب سنة ١٩٤٤

حضرة الفاضل السيد سعيد الشهابي المحترم  
صندوق البرك رقم ٣٢ ، القدس .

أوعز الي ان اعلستم بوصول كتابكم  
المؤرخ في ١٨ آب سنة ١٩٤٤ ، بشأن  
اداء فريضة الحج في الحجاز ، وان  
افيدكم ان المسألة هي قيد النظر والامتثال .  
واقبلوا فائق الاحترام ،  
السكرتير العام



١٨٧٥ / ١٢٠٠ هـ

١١١١ هـ

وتمت هذه الرسالة في شهر ربيع الأول سنة ١٢٠٠ هـ  
بمدينة مكة المكرمة

وتمت هذه الرسالة في شهر ربيع الأول سنة ١٢٠٠ هـ  
بمدينة مكة المكرمة  
والله اعلم بالصواب  
والحمد لله رب العالمين

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CHIEF SECRETARY  
JERUSALEM  
26 AUG. 1944  
F/EN/107/43

Jerusalem,  
18th August, 1944.

His Excellency,  
The High Commissioner,  
Jerusalem.

Your Excellency,

I, Sa'id Al-Shihabi, of Jerusalem, have the honour to submit the following for Your Excellency's kind consideration:-

I propose to proceed this year to Hejaz on pilgrimage together with other Palestinian pilgrims. I have been informed by some of the pilgrims of the last season that the money changers in Hejaz take advantage of the non-stability of the value of the Hejaz Riyal compared with the Palestine Pound. In some cases, they change the Palestine pound for 12 Hejazi Riyals and in other cases they change it for 7 or 10 Riyals. At times, they change the Palestine Pound for Riyals ranging between the two figures, either less or more.

I was able to understand from those pilgrims that the Egyptian pilgrims do not face the same difficulty, for the Egyptian Government receives from every Egyptian pilgrim his fare, both ways, and his travel expenses while in Hejaz. The Egyptian Government then pays to the Hejazi Government of Hejaz such expenses on a fixed basis which is not subject to fluctuation.

In these circumstances, it is requested that Your Excellency may be moved to consider this matter which has caused much inconvenience to the Palestinian pilgrims. Should the information regarding the Egyptian pilgrims be true, it may be possible for the Palestine Government to extend similar facilities to the Palestinian pilgrims and make an agreement with the Government of Hejaz similar to the existing agreement between the Egyptian Government and Hejaz. Whatever the case may be, would Your Excellency's Government be kind enough to inform us as to the official price of the Palestine Pound in Su'udi Riyals.

With highest respects and best thanks.

(Sgd) Sa'id Al-Shihabi.

Copy to the Chief Secretary.

Address: P.O.B. 23,  
Jerusalem.

*12 p.m. copy available*



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القدس في ١٨/٨/١٩٤٤  
سعادة السكرتير المدني لحكومة فلسطين المحترم  
دار الحكومة القدس

اتشرف انا سعيد الشهابي من اهالي القدس بأن اعرض على فخامتكم ما يلي =

لقد عقدت النية على ان احج في موسم الحج القادم الى بيت الله الحرام مع من يحجوا الى الديار الحجازية من اهل فلسطين \* وقد وصل الى سمعي من بعض حجاج الموسم السابق ان الصيارفة في الحجاز يستغلون عدم ثبوت قيمة الريال الحجازي بالنسبة الى الجنيه الفلسطيني في معاملتهم فيتلاعبون في ذلك تلاعبا غربيا اذ يصرفون الجنيه الفلسطيني حينما باثنا عشر ريالاً حجازيا وحينما آخر بسعة او عشرة ريالات وحينما اخرى بما يتراوح بين القيمتين المذكورتين صعودا وهبوطاً \*

والذي استطعت ان افهمه من هؤلاء الحجاج العائدين ان الحجاج المصريين لا يلاقون هذا العنت لأن الحكومة المصرية تتسلم من كل حاج مصرى مصاريفه السفيرة البحرية ذهابا وايابا مع مصاريفه السفيرة البرية داخل الاراضي الحجازية \* ثم تدفع للحكومة الحجازية هذه المصروفات والتنفقات على اساس معلوم لا ينقذه تلاعب الصيارفة هناك \*

وقد جئت بعرضتي هذه ملتصقا لفت نظرفخامتكم الى هذا الامر الذي سبب تدهور الحجاج الفلسطينيين \* فاذا كان الامر مع الحجاج المصريين كما ذكرت فهل يتيمر لحكومة فلسطين ان تتكلم وتسهل امر الحجاج الفلسطينيين شأن الحجاج المصريين فتتفق مع حكومة الحجاز على الاساس الذي اتفقت معها به الحكومة المصرية ومهما يكن من امر فهل تتفضل حكومة فخامتكم بأعلامنا السعر الرسمي للجنيه الفلسطيني بالريالات السعودية هذا وتفضلوا بقبول وافرا لا احترام مع مزيد الشكر سيدى \*

لي الشرف ان اكون يا صاحب الفخامة

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فخامة المندوب السامي لحكومة فلسطين الافخم\*  
برئاسة سعادة السكرتير المدني المحترم  
دار الحكومة القدس\*

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من يحجوا الى الديار الحجازية من اهل فلسطين \* وقد وصل الى سمعي من بعض حجاج  
الموسم السابق ان الصيارفة في الحجاز يستغلون عدم ثبوت قيمة الريال الحجازي بالنسبة  
الى الجنيه الفلسطيني في معاملتهم فيتلاعبون في ذلك تلاعباً غريباً اذ يصرفون الجنيه  
الفلسطيني حيناً بأثنا عشر ريالاً حجازياً وحيناً آخر بسعة او عشرة ريالات واحياناً اخرى  
بما يتراوح بين القيمتين المذكورتين صعوداً وهبوطاً \*

والذي استطعت ان افهمه من هؤلاء الحجاج العائدين ان الحجاج المصريين  
لا يلاقون هذا العنت لأن الحكومة المصرية تتسلم من كل حاج مصري مصاريفه السفيرة البحرية  
ذهاباً واياباً مع مصاريفه السفيرة البرية داخل الاراضي الحجازية \* ثم تدفع للحكومة الحجازية  
هذه المصروفات والنفقات على اساس معلوم لا ينقذه تلاعب الصيارفة هناك \*

وقد جئت بعرضتي هذه ملتصقاً لفت نظر فخامتكم الى هذا الامر الذي سبب تدهور  
الحجاج الفلسطينيين \* فاذا كان الامر مع الحجاج المصريين كما ذكرت فهل يتيسر لحكومة  
فلسطين ان تتكلم وتسهل امر الحجاج الفلسطينيين شأن الحجاج المصريين فتتفق مع حكومة  
الحجاز على الاساس الذي اتفقت معها به الحكومة المصرية ومهما يكن من امر فهل تفضل  
حكومة فخامتكم باعلامنا السعر الرسمي للجنيه الفلسطيني بالريالات السعودية هذا وتفضلوا  
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IN REPLY PLEASE QUOTE

No. DFR/14339.

Copy - 35/25/43  
GOVERNMENT OF PALESTINE  
OFFICE OF CONTROLLER OF FOREIGN EXCHANGE,  
CHIEF SECRETARY'S OFFICE BARCLAYS BANK  
JERUSALEM (DOMINION, COLONIAL AND OVERSEAS)  
5 AUG. 1944 JERUSALEM.

4th August, 1944.

The Chief Secretary,  
Government of Palestine,  
Jerusalem.

Subject:- DEFENCE (FINANCE) REGULATIONS.

Pilgrimage to Mecca, 1943.

Yr.Ref: - F/EW/107/43.

Referring to my letter dated 26th ultimo the Authorised Dealers advise that during the month of July, 1944, they have received from the Netherlands Trading Society, Jeddah, a further batch of notes totalling LP 3106 proceeds of which have been remitted to the non-resident account of the said correspondents.

2. I have also received your letter dated 2nd instant the contents of which are duly noted. Since writing my letter dated 26th ultimo it has occurred to me that in accordance with arrangements made with the Director of Customs, bona fide travellers are allowed to take out of Palestine Palestine or Egyptian notes up to the value of LP 20 per head without a permit from the Authorised Dealers and I, therefore, agree that no steps should be taken on the lines of my previous letter. As pilgrims can export up to LP 20 per head without permission you will probably consider that this sufficiently meets the requirement of paragraph 3(c) of my letter dated 17th June, 1944, under the same reference number. In any case you will doubtless publish in the Gazette and also in the local Arab Press details for the guidance of pilgrims generally including particulars of currency which they are allowed to take out.

CONTROLLER OF FOREIGN EXCHANGE.





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TELEGRAM

A/DFS  
COPY FOR REGISTRATION 53

From: Secretary of State To: High Commissioner for Palestine.

Despatched: 2/8/44 at 1738 hrs. Received: 2/8/44 at 1738 hrs.  
0800 hrs.

No.961

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F/EW/107/43  
46  
Your telegram No.373 Saving

Palestine Pilgrims, negotiations of cheques by Netherlands Trading Society.

I agree to your contention and action.

2. So far as I know this is the first time the Netherlands Trading Society have erred and Pilgrims were apparently in some difficulty. If therefore the Netherlands Trading Society approached you again I should like you (if you can see your way to do so) to allow any encashment of cheques with a suitable warning that an exception could not be made in their favour again.

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F/EW/107/43


2 August, 1944

Controller of Foreign Exchange.

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I am directed to refer to your letter no. DFR/14339 of the 26th July 1944 on the subject of remittances of currency notes to the Authorised Dealers by the Netherlands Trading Society, Jeddah.

2. I am to say that, in view of the relatively small amounts involved in these transactions, it would not at present seem necessary to take the somewhat drastic action which you propose; more especially since it is not clear how it would be possible to enforce the prohibition of the repatriation of Palestine currency notes from Saudi Arabia via Egypt, in view of the fact that it would not be possible to differentiate remittances from Egypt, which derived from Saudi Arabia, from those derived from other sources.

3. I am to request you to report at the beginning of November 1944 the total amount of Palestine currency notes repatriated from Saudi Arabia from 1st April 1944 to 31st October 1944.

  
CHIEF SECRETARY.

Mr. Grimwood  
C.S.  
2.8.44.





IN REPLY PLEASE QUOTE

No. DFR/14339.

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GOVERNMENT OF PALESTINE  
OFFICE OF CONTROLLER OF FOREIGN EXCHANGE,  
CHIEF SECRETARY'S BARCLAYS BANK  
JERUSALEM, COLONIAL AND OVERSEAS  
27 JULY 1944 JERUSALEM.

The Chief Secretary,  
Government of Palestine,  
Jerusalem.

26th July, 1944.

DEFENCE (FINANCE) REGULATIONS.

Pilgrimage to Mecca, 1943.  
Your Ref. F/EW/107/43.  
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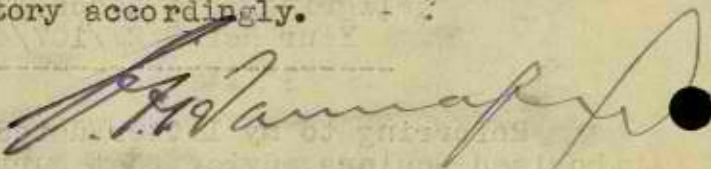
32 Referring to my letter dated 17th ultimo, the  
Authorised Dealers advise that during the Month of  
June, 1944, they have received from the Netherlands  
Trading Society, Jeddah, a further batch of notes  
totalling L.P. 4554.500, proceeds of which have been  
remitted to the non-resident account of the said  
correspondents.

I find it difficult to believe that recent  
remittances represent genuine purchases from Palestine  
pilgrims unless purchased at a discount by local  
money-changers in Jeddah and held as a speculation  
for a better rate. Whatever the true facts may be,  
you may feel disposed to consider whether in future  
the repatriation of Palestine notes either direct  
or via Egypt should be permitted. If this course  
were decided upon, it would be desirable for H.M.  
Minister, Jeddah to publish a notice in the local  
press warning banks and money-changers that if they  
change Palestine currency notes, they will be unable  
to obtain re-imbursement either in Palestine, Egypt  
or elsewhere in the sterling area. I should also,  
on receiving instructions from you to that effect,  
have to request Barclays Bank (D.C. & O.) and other  
banks in Palestine which have correspondents in  
Jeddah to warn their correspondents that on and  
after a date to be fixed, the repatriation of

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of Palestine Currency Notes from Saudi Arabia will not be permitted. I should also have to request the National Bank of Egypt, Central Exchange Control, Cairo, to advise all Authorised Dealers in Egypt (and possibly in the Sudan) that on and after the date mentioned, reimbursements of proceeds of Palestine Currency Notes remitted from Saudi Arabia should no longer be permitted and that they should advise their correspondents or customers in that territory accordingly.



CONTROLLER OF FOREIGN EXCHANGE.

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To:

F/EN/107/41

From: High Commissioner for  
Palestine.

Secretary of State.

Desp. at 1800 hrs. 28.6.44.

COPY FOR REGISTRATION

No. 373 SAVING.

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Your No. 213 Saving of 30th May, 1944.

Palestine Pilgrims. Negotiation of cheques Netherlands  
Trading Society.

The facts as stated are generally correct. I forward herewith correspondence between the Controller of Foreign Exchange, Palestine and Barclay's Bank (D.C. & O.) Jerusalem regarding these transactions as well as the comments of the Controller on the papers forwarded with your telegram.

2. You will observe that the encashment of the cheques constituted evasion of the financial arrangements for the 1943 pilgrimage, which were made with the concurrence of the Minister of State. In refusing confirmation of the transactions this Government consulted the Financial Advisers of the Minister of State but I am prepared to accept your decision in the matter if it is desired to reverse the previous decision.

Copy to: Controller of Foreign Exchange.



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For

Chief

From: High Commissioner, For  
Palestine.

Subject: [illegible]

Date: 10th Nov. 1944.

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From Barclay's Bank (D.C. & O.) to Ruhi Bey.  
dated 25th November, 1943.

Dear Sir,

With reference to our telephonic conversation yesterday regarding the four drafts drawn by our Nab-lus branch on Suez which have been forwarded to Egypt from the Netherlands Trading Society, Jeddah, we attach a list of the drafts on Suez which our Nablus branch have sold to pilgrims. The four drafts marked with an asterisk are those referred to above. We understand that Governemnt wish these drafts to be paid, and the exchange cont roller asks if you will be so good as to write him on behalf of Government and give him the necessary atuhority. Your authority should cover all the drafts except the two already paid.

As we have to cable Cairo urgently we should be grateful if you would write to the Exchange Control-ler this morning and send your letter to him by mes-senger.

Yours fatthfully

J.F.Cade

Local Director

We enclose a copy of the cable which our Nablus Branch have received from our Cairo Branch

Draft No.	Beneficiary	Amount
		LE.
G352642	Abdelkarim yousef Tamimi	400 +
43	Hassan Ibrahim Falouj	100
44	Abdelkarim Youssef Tamimi	100
45	-do-	100
46	Darwish Abdelkader Nashaf	75 +
47	-do-	75
48	-do-	50
49	-do-	50 paid at Suez
352654	Hassan Ibrahim Falouj	50 -do-
5	Subhi Hamed Shaar	100 +
9	Mohamed abdel Ghani Anabtawi	200 +
62	Haj Mohamed Salim Bado	200
63	Selim Deeb	50
		LE. 1,550

Copy of cable from Cairo Brnahe to Nablus Branch

Your drafts G 352646, 55, 59, 42 on Suez branch received for collection from Netherlands Trading Society & Jeddah for credit their non-resident account please cable your Exchange Control Authority and substantiate by appropriate forms.

Note by D.F.S. at 319 on same file.

Re folio 317.

There is no objection to the clearance of drafts in Pal-estine on Suez+ It is clear, however, that a number of the pilgrims have bought drafts at Suez for the pupose of taking supplementary frunds on the pilgrimage there-by defeating the objects of the financial arrangements made by the S. of S. which provided for tariff expend-iture to be deposited with local Governemnts and non-tariff expenditure to be covered by approved purchases of gold. If the purchasers of the drafts had sought approval for purchase of rials they would have been ref-used. I discussed the question with Mr. L. oydd of Min-ister od State's Office, Cairo who agreed with the act-ion I proposed viz. to refuse the confirmation sought by Barclay's Bank. Mr France of t e same office will conact Cairo Branch of Barclay's and also the National Bank of Egypt tomorrow advising me of any developments or necessary action.

N.B. The position of the pilgrims who took drafts is similar to those who smuggles Palestine notes out. To prevent them becoming destitute the Authority given to Jedda at folio 260 ( to refund impounded sums in local currency) is appropriate and doubtless will be used.





No. DFR/14339

OFFICE OF CONTROLLER OF FOREIGN EXCHANGE.

BARCLAYS BANK

(DOMINION, COLONIAL AND OVERSEAS)

JERUSALEM.

CHIEF SECRETARY'S OFFICE  
JERUSALEM  
19 JUNE 1944

17th June, 1944.

The Chief Secretary,  
Government of Palestine,  
Jerusalem.

DEFENCE (FINANCE) REGULATIONS.

Palestine Pilgrimage to Mecca.  
Negotiation of Cheques.  
Netherlands Trading Society.

Your Ref: F/EW/107/434

(40) I refer to Secretary of State's  
Saving Telegram No. 218 on which I comment as  
follows :-

1. With regard to the amount of £ 10696.800,  
proceeds of 17 cheques drawn by Ottoman Bank,  
Amman on their Cairo branch, and credited to the  
resident account in Cairo of the above Society,  
I have no information. The facts can only be  
ascertained by reference to the Regional Manager  
Ottoman Bank, Jerusalem and Barclays Bank (D.C. & O.)  
who presumably obtained authority from the  
Egyptian Exchange Control. As you are aware,  
Transjordan is outside my jurisdiction, and the  
transaction was not authorised by me. I see no  
connection between the two sets of transactions  
or justification for the assumption in  
paragraph 3 of the enclosure dated 2.4.1944.
2. With regard to the cheques of Barclays Bank  
(D.C. & O), Nablus and Haifa drawn on their Suez

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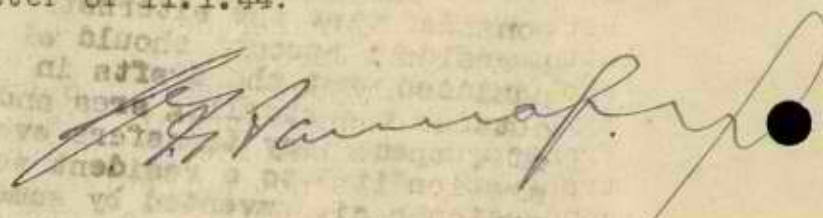


branch, I cannot confirm the amounts as I understand the original correspondence was between the Local Directors, Barclays Bank (D.C. & O) and Ruhi Bey Abdel Hadi to which please refer for details.

However, the facts are substantially as stated and have already been communicated to you, as well as my views as per letter 11.1.44 to the said Local Directors (copy enclosed).

(31) Your decision was conveyed to me in your letter of 15.5.44 (your ref. F/EW/107/43) and by me to the Local Directors on 17.5.44.

3. I suggest that in replying it should also be emphasised that the encashment of these cheques constituted an evasion of the financial arrangements made for the 1943 Pilgrimage with the concurrence of the Minister of State. Most of the arguments contained in the enclosures to Saving Telegram have already been put forward to you and answered in my letter of 11.1.44.

  
Encl. CONTROLLER OF FOREIGN EXCHANGE.

**SECRET**

11th January, 1944.

The Local Directors,  
Local Head Office,  
Barclays Bank (D.C. & C.)  
Jerusalem.

Dear Sirs,

DEFENCE (FINANCE) REGULATIONS.

Nederlandsche Handel-Maatschappij N.V., Jeddah.  
Re. Palestine Pilgrimage 1943.

Referring to your memorandum of 10th instant I understand that the instructions to refuse encashment of the drafts mentioned for credit of the proceeds to your correspondents' non-resident account at your Cairo branch were issued by Government and should you wish the matter to be referred to them kindly advise me to that effect as I am not acquainted with the correspondence that has passed between you.

As a matter of personal opinion I consider that the alternative suggestion to credit a resident account should also be refused as it is admitted that the drafts in question were encashed outside the sterling area and doubtless by means of compensatory transfers even if the proceeds are credited to a resident account the Regulations would be circumvented by some means or other.

I consider the fact that the cheques do not contain any clause to the effect that they were only negotiable in the sterling area is

P.T.O.



beside the point as any bank or person other than the bank on which they are drawn which chooses to negotiate such documents does so at its own risk and the fact that your correspondents have both a resident and a non-resident account is prima facie evidence that they are acquainted with the principles underlying the Regulations.

With regard to the suggestion that had the drafts been cashed in Suez the pilgrims would have been allowed to export the proceeds in Egyptian currency notes to Saudi Arabia, I very much doubt whether this would have been permitted either by the Egyptian Exchange Control or by the Ministry of Finance who normally issue such permits where the total amount carried by the individual exceeds £E 20 or its equivalent. I am also practically certain that the Egyptian Government prohibited the export of Egyptian notes by Mecca pilgrims. As your correspondents have enabled pilgrims to exceed the quota allowed to them by the Palestine Government I propose to forward copies of the correspondence to the Chief Secretary and shall be glad to know whether you have any objection. Please also furnish me with two copies of the reply to be sent to your correspondents.

Yours faithfully,

G. F. HANNAFORD

CONTROLLER OF FOREIGN EXCHANGE.

Saving.

From the Secretary of State for the Colonies.

HIGH COMMISSIONER

To the Officer Administering the Government of PALESTINE

Date 30<sup>th</sup> May, 1944.

No. 218 Saving.

F/EW/107/41  
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Palestine pilgrims. Negotiation of  
cheques, Netherlands Trading Society.

I enclose copies of correspondence  
received by the Bank of England who have  
under consideration the reply to be given to the  
National Provincial Bank.

I shall be glad if you will let me  
know whether the facts are correctly stated, and  
to have any comments which may be of help in  
dealing with the application.

Secor.

Sent cfr SCFE  
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From Secretary of State for the Colonies.

To the Chief-Administrator of the Government of

COPY.

NATIONAL PROVINCIAL BANK LIMITED.

1, Princes Street,  
F. C. 2.

F.C.Hawker, Esq.,  
Bank of England, E.C.2.

10th May, 1944.

Dear Hawker,

Netherlands Trading Society Djeddah

I am sorry to trouble you with this matter, but if you can help towards a solution both the Netherlands Trading Society and I will be grateful.

I attach a copy of the full correspondence, but the position summarised is:-

1. Last October N.T.S. Djeddah, took for collection from "pilgrims" cheques drawn by the Ottoman Bank, Transjordan, on their Cairo Branch clausued "negotiable in sterling area only". These cheques were paid on presentation in Cairo without comment.
2. On being advised of this payment N.T.S., Djeddah, negotiated for pilgrims a further 11 cheques totalling SE. 1,425 drawn by Barclays D.C. & C. Neblus and Haifa, on Barclays D.C. & C. Suez. Barclays, Egypt, returned them as being negotiable only in the sterling area (N.T.S., Djeddah, say they were not all so clausued)

Correspondence between Djeddah and the authorities in Palestine has so far not led to any modification of Barclays decision.

3. The Manager of N.T.S. Djeddah, states that if the pilgrims had encashed the drafts at Suez the pilgrims could have tendered to him in Djeddah the resultant Egyptian or Palestine notes, and there would have been no objection to his encashing them and sending the notes to the Sudan and/or Egypt and/or Palestine for credit of the N.T.S. Non-resident account in Cairo and/or London.

My comments:



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In view of this latter contention there would seem to be a case for the Exchange Control to allow payment of the remittances particularly as once the pilgrims had omitted to cash the drafts at Suaz (and they are no doubt ignorant in money matters) they would have had no money for their needs during the pilgrimage if the Manager of the N.T.S., Djeddah, had adhered to the technical regulation and had not encashed the cheques.

Yours sincerely,

(sd) J. PENRY EDWARDS

Assistant General Manager.



COPY

FROM N.H.M. DJEDDAH TO N.H.M. LONDON

Second Dept. Confidential No. 61.

2nd April, 1944.

Negotiations on Egypt

On the 10th October last a few cheques were presented to me, which were drawn by the Ottoman Bank in Amman, Transjordan, on their Cairo Branch. Since these cheques contained a clause, that they were exclusively negotiable in sterling territories, I was only willing to take these cheques for collection. I requested Barclays Bank D.C. & O., Cairo, to whom the cheques were sent for collection, to cable me as soon as the cheques were paid. On the 22nd October I received the following cable from Barclays Bank, Cairo:

"We credit your resident account £eg. onezerosixninesix milliemes 800 proceeds seventeen cheques your letter tenth instant"

From this cable I understood that the Egyptian Exchange Control had no objection to crediting the proceeds of these cheques, which bore a stamp that they were only payable within the sterling area, to my resident account with Barclays Bank at Cairo.

On account of this precedent I thought it justified to negotiate during the pilgrim season, cheques from pilgrims which were drawn by Barclays Bank, D.C. & O., at Nablus and Haifa (both in Palestine) on the Barclays Bank, D.C. & O., at Suez, the more so since not all cheques were stamped that they were exclusively negotiable within the sterling area. During November last I thus negotiated 11 cheques aggregating £eg. 1,425. When negotiating same I further bore in mind, that if the relative pilgrims from Palestine had cashed their cheques at Suez they might without any objection have exported the equivalent of these cheques in Egyptian bank notes. The Egyptian and/or Palestine bank notes which the pilgrims in lieu of cheques might have exported to Saudi Arabia could have been taken over by me and without any objection sent to the Sudan and/or Egypt and/or Palestine for the credit of my non-resident account in Cairo and/or London.

I was therefore greatly surprised when Barclays Bank, Cairo, cabled me as follows:

"Your collections 1023/1026 Haifa and Nablus drafts only negotiable in sterling area regret returning cheques. Impossible credit your account."

in reply to which I cabled on the 1st December:

".....fullstop your thirtieth Haifa and Nablus drafts not containing clause only negotiable sterling area. Please do needful crediting proceeds my resident account more cheques on way telegraph result all cheques negotiated from bona fide pilgrims"

The Barclays Bank replied to this cable as follows:

"Yours first regret unable comply. Cheques Haifa and Nablus returned will return similar drawings on way".

In connection with this last mentioned cable I approached Barclays Bank, D.C. & O., Local Head Office at Jerusalem, to whom I wrote on the 4th December last as follows:

"From various Palestine pilgrims I negotiated their cheques drawn by your Haifa and Nablus branches on the Barclays

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Bank at Suez. As these cheques did not contain any clauses that they were "negotiable in the sterling area only", I did not hesitate cashing them. I sent these cheques to the Barclays Bank, Cairo, with the request to credit either my resident or my non-resident account with the proceeds. Great was my surprise however when I received the following cable dated 30th November from your Cairo Office:

"Your collections 1023/6 Haifa and Nablus drafts only negotiable in sterling area regret returning cheques impossible credit your accounts".

In reply to this cable I wired on the 1st instant:

"Yours thirtieth Haifa and Nablus drafts not containing clause only negotiable sterling area please do needful crediting proceeds my resident account more cheques on way telegraph result all cheques negotiated from bona fide pilgrims"

on which I received the following reply dated 3rd December:

"Yours first regret unable comply. Cheques Haifa and Nablus returned will return similar drawings on way".

As it is possible for you and your branches to draw in Pound Eg. currency on me directly reimbursing me by crediting my Leg. account with your Cairo office, I suggest that I send you the Nablus and Haifa cheques which have been negotiated by me, with the request to credit the proceeds of same either to my resident or non-resident account with your Cairo Office or to convert the proceeds into sterling and remit same by cable to my resident or non-resident account with the National Provincial Bank Limited, London. Kindly let me have your reply by cable.

For your information please note that if the beneficiaries of above mentioned drafts had cashed them in Suez they would have been allowed to bring the proceeds in Egyptian currency notes to this country. I would have been able to purchase these notes and send them to either your Cairo or Port Sudan Office to have the proceeds of same credited into my non-resident account with your Cairo Office".

When on the 5th January last I had not yet received any reply I wrote once more to Jerusalem.

On the 15th January last they wrote me as follows:

"The duplicate of your letter of the 4th of December and your letter of the 5th January have just reached us. We are taking up the questions raised in your letter of the 4th of December with the competent Government authorities and will cable you as soon as we have a decision in this matter".

When at the end of February last I was still without any news I cabled on the 28th February as follows:

"Reference your letter fifteenth January please cable what decision authorities have taken"

to which they replied on the 2nd March as follows:

"Your cable twentyeighth February authorities have not given decision will cable you as soon as received".

As up to the present moment I am still without news from Barclays Bank local Head Office, Jerusalem, I shall be obliged if you can kindly take up this matter with the competent authorities at yours, in order to try to settle this matter as soon as possible.

In anticipation of your reply.

NEDERLANDSCHE HANDEL MAATSCHAPPIJ N.V.  
(33.) J. van IJsselmuden. Agent.



17th June, 1944

The Chief Secretary,  
Government of Palestine,  
Jerusalem.

DEFENCE (FINANCE) REGULATIONS.

Pilgrimage to Mecca.  
Your Ref: F/EW/107/43  
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At the request of the Deputy Financial Secretary, I discussed in Cairo the questions arising out of the 1943 Pilgrimage with Mr. France, Financial Adviser to the Resident Minister. Mr. Reed-Adams of the Commercial Secretariat, and Colonel Prosser (late of C.I.D. Jerusalem) were also present. Mr. Jordan, Minister to Saudi Arabia, was unfortunately in Hospital.

2. Mr. France stated that next year (a) it was intended that Pilgrims should not be allowed to take gold (b) Palestine would be asked to collect from pilgrims before departure every known item of expenditure, including transport. He promised that full details would this year be communicated to the Palestine Government in good time.

3. It was felt that the foregoing should eliminate the necessity for pilgrims to take any substantial funds with them. All agreed, however, on the following :-

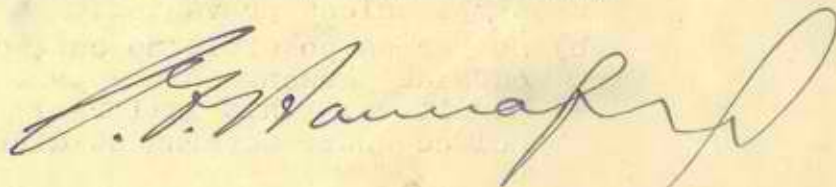
- (a) that the Egyptian Government must co-operate fully, otherwise our precautions will be defeated particularly as our own pilgrims can obtain additional funds in Egypt unless prevented.
- (b) so far as possible no contact by the pilgrims with outside persons on any part of the journey must be permitted. This is largely a matter for our own Police under Government directions.
- (c) as pilgrims after arrival in Djeddah are often persuaded to undertake trips additional to those for which they have paid in advance, it is desirable they be allowed to export a limited amount of Palestine currency notes in order to avoid difficulties.



(d) that considering the size of the 1943 Pilgrimage, the amount of currency repatriated to Palestine was not alarming, although most of it was contrary to the arrangements laid down, also that the temporary depreciation of the Palestine and Egyptian pound note during the pilgrimage although considerable, was not surprising. No desire was expressed by the Conference (or by Mr. Jordan later) to pursue the question of making the circulation of Palestine and Egyptian currency illegal. Colonel Prosser pointed out that whatever public notices were issued, it was impossible to conduct a proper search of the pilgrims before departure or on arrival at Suez. For one thing they were not prisoners and extreme measures would excite hostility and trouble. For another, it takes over half-an-hour to search each person and his belongings thoroughly.

4. The same evening Mr. France and I visited Mr. Jordan in Hospital and informed him of the <sup>discussed</sup> ~~decision~~ referred to above, with which he appeared to be in agreement. He promised full co-operation.

5. It remains, therefore, for Government to see that full details are received (say) at least two months before the first pilgrim starts and to advise the Director of Medical Services accordingly as well as the Inspector-General. Doubtless a fresh Exemption Order under the Defence (Finance) Regulations will be issued in good time, with simple notices (repeated several times) in the Arabic press and on the wireless informing Moslems what they have to do and what money they can carry.



CONTROLLER OF FOREIGN EXCHANGE.

(32)

Office of Controller of  
Foreign Exchange,  
Jerusalem.

DFR/14339

CHIEF SECRETARY  
JERUSALEM

19 JUNE 1944

17th June, 1944.

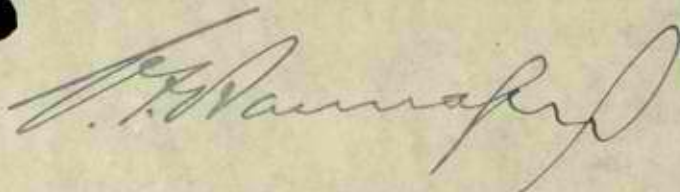
The Chief Secretary,  
Government of Palestine,  
Jerusalem.

DEFENCE (FINANCE) REGULATIONS.

Pilgrimage to Mecca, 1943.

Your Ref. F/EW/107/43  
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(30) Referring to my letter dated 8th ultimo, the Authorised Dealers advise that during the month of May, 1944, they have received from the Netherlands Trading Society, Jeddah, a further batch of notes totalling LP 2238.500 proceeds of which have been remitted to the non-resident account of the said correspondents.



CONTROLLER OF FOREIGN EXCHANGE.



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F/EW/107/43.

15 May, 1944.

Controller of Foreign Exchange.

19  
I am directed to refer to your letter no. DFR/14339 of the 22nd February, 1944, regarding the 1943 Mecca pilgrimage and to say that the drafts in question should not be paid outside the sterling area and to concur with the opinion expressed in paragraph 2 of your letter no. DFR/14796 of the 11th January, 1944, addressed to Barclays Bank.

2. The correspondence attached to the former letter is enclosed.

(Sgd.) ROWAN REEVES

ACTING CHIEF SECRETARY.



W. H. R. 1900

Consolidated of British Empire

I am directed to inform you that  
the Board of Directors of the  
Consolidated of British Empire  
has decided to increase the  
capital of the company from  
£1,000,000 to £2,000,000  
and to issue new shares of  
£100 each in the amount of  
£1,000,000.

The new shares will be offered to the  
existing shareholders in proportion to their  
present holdings.

Yours faithfully,  
W. H. R.

W. H. R. 1900

IN REPLY PLEASE QUOTE

No. DFR/14339.

OFFICE OF CONTROLLER OF FOREIGN EXCHANGE,  
GOVERNMENT OF PALESTINE,  
BARCLAYS BANK  
CHIEF SECRETARY (MINISTER, COLONIAL AND OVERSEAS)  
JERUSALEM JERUSALEM.

9 MAY 1944

8th May, 1944.

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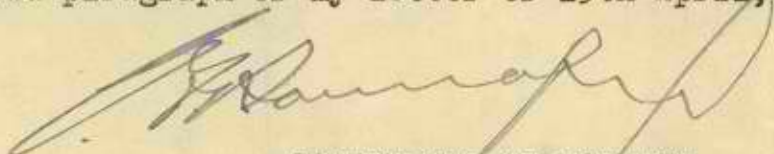
The Chief Secretary,  
Government of Palestine,  
Jerusalem.

Subject:- DEFENCE (FINANCE) REGULATIONS.  
Pilgrimage to Mecca, 1943.

Yr.Ref:- F/EW/107/43.

Referring to my letter dated 13th (28)  
ultimo the Authorised Dealers advise that during the  
month of April, 1944, they have received from the  
Netherlands Trading Society, Jeddah, a further batch  
of notes totalling LR 5321 proceeds of which have been  
remitted to the non-resident account of the said  
correspondents.

(19) I cannot trace having received a reply  
to my letter to you dated 22nd February, 1944, referred  
to in the second paragraph of my letter of 13th April,  
(28) 1944.



CONTROLLER OF FOREIGN  
EXCHANGE.



OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF THE ARMY  
WASHINGTON, D. C.  
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THE CHIEF OF BUREAU,  
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE,  
WASHINGTON.

Subject: - THE BUREAU OF AGRICULTURE  
Washington, D. C., Jan 10, 1911.

Yr. letter of Jan 10, 1911.

Referring to my letter of Jan 10, 1911, in which the Bureau of Agriculture was asked to issue a circular letter to the various State Agricultural Experiment Stations, I am pleased to learn that the Bureau of Agriculture has issued a circular letter to the various State Agricultural Experiment Stations, and that the Bureau of Agriculture has also issued a circular letter to the various State Agricultural Experiment Stations, and that the Bureau of Agriculture has also issued a circular letter to the various State Agricultural Experiment Stations.

I am very glad to hear that the Bureau of Agriculture has issued a circular letter to the various State Agricultural Experiment Stations, and that the Bureau of Agriculture has also issued a circular letter to the various State Agricultural Experiment Stations, and that the Bureau of Agriculture has also issued a circular letter to the various State Agricultural Experiment Stations.

To Bureau

Very truly,  
Yours,  
J. H. H.

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Saving to Resident Minister. Cairo.

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What appears to be an undesirably extensive traffic in Palestine currency notes in Saudi Arabia has been revealed by communications from the Netherlands Trading Society, Jedda to Barclays Bank (D.C. & O) Jerusalem concerning the repatriation of notes tendered to them for encashment.

2. A total of LP 92,997 has been repatriated between December 1942 and January 1944 inclusive, each remittance being accompanied by a certificate from the Netherlands Trading Society that the notes were taken from bona fide Palestine pilgrims to Mecca and were of 'non-enemy' origin.

3. Accepting for the present the statement that the notes emanated from pilgrims, it is not possible to divide the total definitely between this seasons pilgrimage and the last, but it may reasonably be assumed that merchants holding notes from last season would have got rid of them before the present one ( see para 4 below ), and therefore that the amount of LP 54,677 repatriated since the beginning of this season was received from this seasons pilgrims and the remaining LP 38,320 from last. As this year's pilgrims, numbering 4,000 in all were only permitted to take with them LP 5 a head in Palestine currency , and as in addition to the amounts repatriated by the Netherlands Trading Society, H.M. Minister in Jedda has received the LP 19,201 referred to in his



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Small and medium sized fishes ranging from 1 to 2 inches.

300 specimens. 1st collection. 2nd collection.

To illustrate changes of 12000 for each 10000.

of 30000 each.

Some of the same stopped in time.

Standard deviation, as a whole, for the 10000.

mean in each group but for the 10000.

deviation from 10000.

And in daily collection from 10000.

range of deviation of 10000 (10000 or more required).

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must be presumed they took with them to the Hejaz.



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17th December 1943, the situation obviously calls for serious examination.

4. Apart from the amounts involved we are also concerned at the delay in repatriation, explained in a letter from the Netherlands Trading Society to Barclays Bank as being due to merchants acquiring the notes against gold sovereigns during the pilgrimage season when they are cheap and holding them for exchange for ~~xxxx~~ sovereigns or T.T. Bombay or Cairo in the off-season. One of the longest delayed consignments however, ~~xxx~~ LP 9861 received in September 1943, is stated by the Netherlands Trading Society to have reached them from a dealer who had bought the notes from the Saudi Arab-ian Government, the latter having received them in the form of tax payments from Palestine pilgrims the previous season.

5. In the same letter the Netherlands Trading Society point out that they are not the only exporters of Palestine notes and indicate that other dealers have been in the procedure habit of exporting them for sale in Egypt, a ~~xxxxxx~~ which we are most anxious to stop, and into which the Controller of Foreign Exchange is making further enquiries.

6. There are thus indications of traffic even greater than that indicated by the repatriations from the Netherlands Trading Society, and I would be grateful if you would con-

P.T.O. side

The following two extracts from letters from the Netherlands Trading Society, ~~xxxxxxx~~ to Barclays Bank, the first to the Manager at Jerusalem, and the second to the Manager at Cairo, point to the same conclusion.

( para 2 of llb. and para 3 of llc.)

8. It is assumed that H.M. Treasury are opposed to the unrestricted circulation of sterling area notes within the Hejaz, which ~~xxxxxxxxxx~~ the type of traffic indulged in appears to render even more objectionable. I would suggest that consideration should be given to the need for concerted action by the countries concerned before the next pilgrimage season.





IN REPLY PLEASE QUOTE

No. DPR/14339.

28  
GOVERNMENT OFFICE OF CONTROLLER OF FOREIGN EXCHANGE  
CHIEF SECRETARY'S OFFICE BARCLAYS BANK  
JERUSALEM (DOMINION, COLONIAL AND OVERSEAS)  
15 APR. 1944 JERUSALEM.

~~13th March, 1944.~~

*April,*

The Chief Secretary,  
Government of Palestine,  
Jerusalem.

Subject:- DEFENCE (FINANCE) REGULATIONS.  
Pilgrimage to Mecca, 1943.

Yr. Ref:- F/EW/107/43.

22 Referring to my letter dated 6th ultimo,  
the Authorised Dealers advise that during the month  
of March, 1944, they have received from the Netherlands  
Trading Society, Jeddah further batches of notes  
totalling LE 8333 proceeds of which have been remitted  
to the non-resident account of the said correspondents.

19 I cannot trace that I received a reply  
to my letter to you dated 22nd February, 1944, with  
reference to certain drafts drawn by Barclays Bank  
(D.C.&Q), Nablus on Suez and which were encashed by  
their correspondents in Jeddah without authority. The  
Authorised Dealers are pressing for a ruling as to  
whether notwithstanding the circumstances the proceeds  
of the said drafts may be remitted to the non-resident  
account of their Jeddah correspondents.

*[Signature]*  
CONTROLLER OF FOREIGN EXCHANGE.



IN REPLY PLEASE QUOTE

No. DFR/14339

Your Ref: F/EW/107/43



OFFICE OF CONTROLLER OF FOREIGN EXCHANGE,

BARCLAYS BANK

(DOMINION, COLONIAL AND OVERSEAS),

JERUSALEM.

25th March, 1944.

The Chief Secretary,  
Government of Palestine,  
Jerusalem.

DEFENCE (FINANCE) REGULATIONS.

Repatriation of Palestine currency  
notes from Egypt.  
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(10) I refer to my letter dated 21st January 1944,  
and also to my Minute No.16 dated 17.2.44 on the above  
file. Referring to paragraph (3) of the former enclosed  
please find copies in duplicate of the following:-

- (26a) (a) Letter from the National Bank of Egypt, Cairo  
dated 8.3.44.
- (26b) (b) Names and addresses of the largest sellers of  
notes to banks in Egypt.
- (26c) (c) Letter dated 24.2.44 addressed by Ottoman Bank,  
Port Tewfik to their Port Said office.

2. You will gather there is evidence that large  
amounts are exchanged by pilgrims and other Palestinian  
travellers in Egypt. So far as these are used for definite  
purchases in that country no harm results except  
that :-

- (a) The large amounts of 150 to 200 Palestine pounds per  
head must have been smuggled out of Palestine without  
an Exchange Control permit.
- (b) There is no proof that the proceeds (presumably paid  
in Egyptian currency) were not subsequently smuggled  
out to the Hedjaz.
- (c) I cannot too strongly emphasize paragraph (3) of my  
Minute No.16 dated 17.2.44, if as I assume H.M. Treasury  
are opposed to the circulation not only of Palestine  
notes but Egyptian currency and all other sterling ares

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currency in the Hedjaz. In this connection I would point out that Palestinian and Transjordan pilgrims can without Exchange Control permit place themselves in funds in Egypt to an unlimited extent even if they are prevented from smuggling currency out of Palestine. Such funds could be drawn in cash in Egypt and smuggled to the Hedjaz either in Egyptian currency or in Palestine currency purchased in Egypt.

3. It is clear that whatever steps are taken in Palestine these will prove futile unless the cooperation of the Egyptian Authorities is secure and that whatever steps may be decided on <sup>for</sup> Palestine <sup>should be</sup> also applied to all sterling area countries, including Egypt, Transjordan, Iraq, India, the Sudan and East Africa.

4. The most effective way of ~~insuring~~ ensuring that no sterling area currency is taken to the Hedjaz by pilgrims would appear to ~~be to~~ place the whole of the pilgrim arrangements for all the foregoing countries in the hands of Messrs. Cooks or other reputable travel agency, who would provide for the whole of the transport from Hedjaz to the Holy Places as well as maintenance during their stay and for them to provide each pilgrim in Jeddah on arrival with the limited amount of spending money in Saudi Arabian currency up to an agreed figure per head. The pilgrims to be permitted to carry no currency or gold whatever en route, to be searched before they start and after the search be allowed no contact with other persons, also to be searched on arrival at Jeddah.

5. We actually know that large amounts of Egyptian currency are repatriated from the Hedjaz by pilgrims and other persons but the National Bank of Egypt do not refer to this or appear to be aware of the objections to Egyptian currency circulating in the Hedjaz. I suggest that this be brought to the notice of Cairo together with copies of this letter and its enclosures.

6. It is also clear from the Ottoman Bank's letter that considerable amounts of Palestine currency exchanged for Palestine pilgrims in the Hedjaz are, as previously thought, remitted to Egypt. This currency is of course additional to amounts previously reported as repatriated direct to Palestine by the Netherlands Trading Society, Jeddah.



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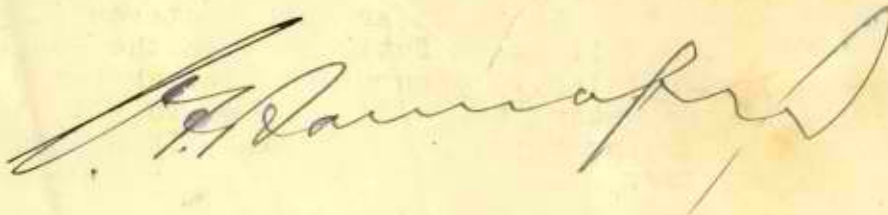
OFFICE OF CONTROLLER OF FOREIGN EXCHANGE,  
BARCLAYS BANK  
(DOMINION, COLONIAL AND OVERSEAS),  
JERUSALEM.

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25th March, 1944.

To Chief Secretary, Jerusalem.

7. I am also advised by the Central Exchange Control of the National Bank of Egypt, Cairo that the Ottoman Bank, Cairo has been granted a permit to repatriate a further Palestine pounds 8,800 in Palestine currency of which LP 4072 was received from their Port Tewfic Branch.



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CONTROLLER OF FOREIGN EXCHANGE.





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NATIONAL BANK OF EGYPT,

Cairo.

8th March, 1944.

The Controller of Foreign Exchange,  
Barclays Bank (D.C. & O)  
Jerusalem,

Dear Sir,

Repatriation of Palestine currency notes from Egypt.

We refer to your letter of the 21st January 1944, No.DFR/14339, and beg to inform you that we have been making investigations regarding the notes in question.

We are not convinced that the figure of LE 209,000 being the value of notes repatriated from Egypt during 1943, is abnormally high. Since prices in this country are lower than in Palestine the natural assumption is that travellers will make purchases here rather than in Palestine and the acquisition of a few articles of clothing by each would account for a considerable part of the sum involved. Further large amounts have been brought in by pilgrims and we enclose herewith copy of a letter dated 24th February, 1944 addressed by the Ottoman Bank, Port-Tewfick, to their Port-Said Office, which may be of interest to you in this connection.

With regard to your enquiry as to whether the proceeds of Palestinian banknotes are credited to the account of any person or firm in Egypt which has branches in Saudi Arabia, we refer you to the final paragraph of the letter from the Ottoman Bank, Port-Tewfick, referred to above. Cambouris has no branches in Saudi Arabia but has connections with a number of firms there. To the best of our knowledge Palestinian notes have not been credited to any other such account.

A list giving the names and addresses of the largest sellers of notes to banks in Egypt is attached.

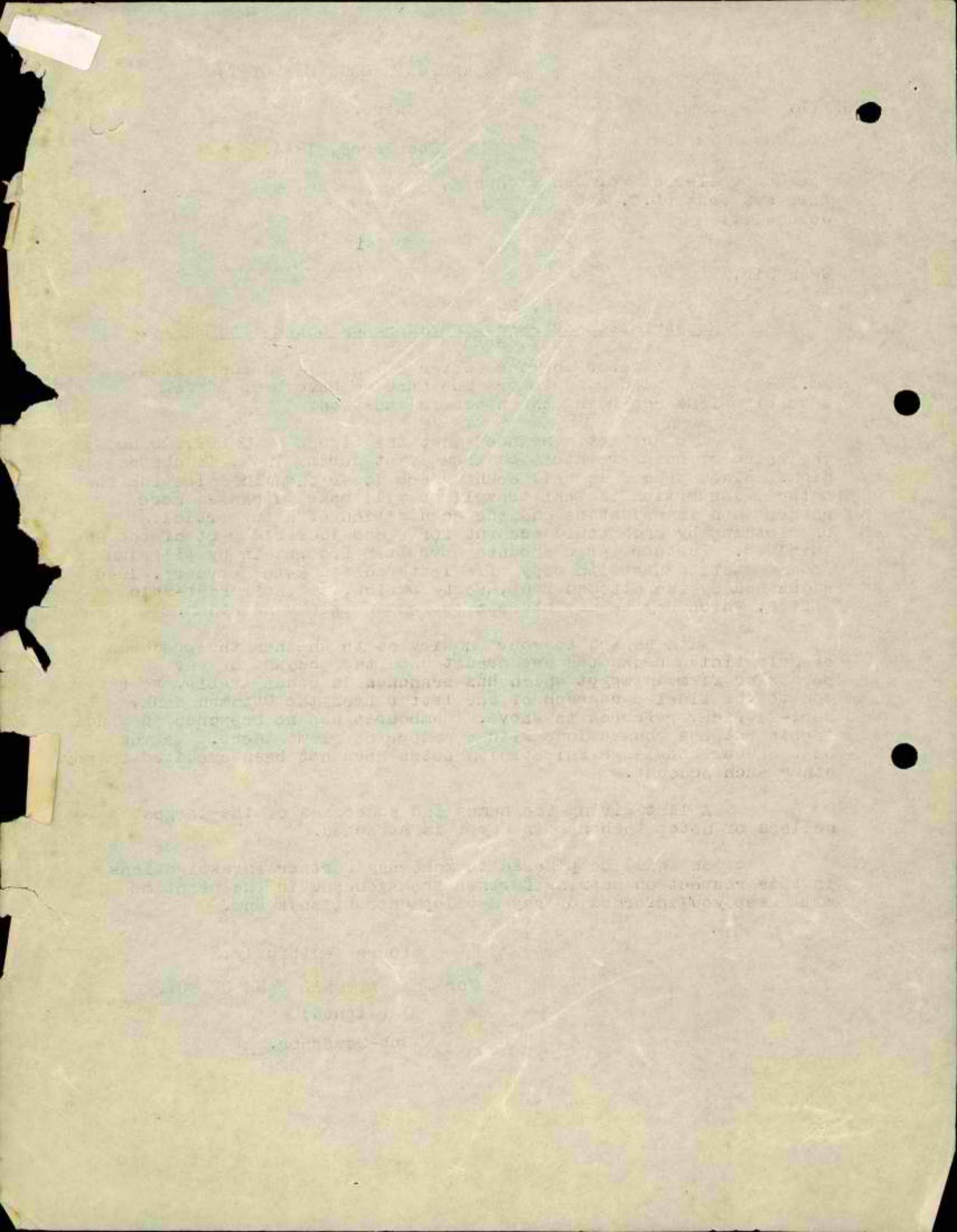
We shall be pleased to make any further investigations in this respect on hearing further from you and in the meantime will keep you informed of any developments at this end.

Yours faithfully,

For THE NATIONAL BANK OF EGYPT

(Signed)

Sub-Governor.





Names and addresses of the largest sellers  
of notes to banks in Egypt.  
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Mr. Aref Boshi, Rue Kasr el Nil, Face Barclays Bank, Cairo.  
Mr. H. Irikian, 38 Rue Kasr el Nil, Cairo.  
Mr. A. Escojido, 10 Rue Fouad Ier, Cairo.  
Messrs. Battino, Vacatassi & Co., Rue Emed El Dine  
près Buffet Kléber.  
Mr. Isidore H. Barouh, 54 Rue Melika Farida, Cairo.  
Mr. César S. Eliakim, Souk El Sayaref El Saghir,  
El Sagha El Guedida.  
S.M. Minzley, Quays Sultan Hussein, Port Said.  
Sayed Awad, Rue Farouk, Port Said.  
Mahmoud Ibrahim Cambouris, Money Changer, Suez.  
Ruben Dangour, Money Changer, Suez.

All persons in the list are money changers.

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Port Tewfick 24.2.44

Purchase of Palestine Notes.

Votre Circulaire No. 162 du 12 crt.

Bonne note est prise de votre dite Circulaire et de son annexe.

Veillez noter que tous les Billets de Banque Palestiniens que nous avons achetés jusqu'ici, proviennent dans la mesure de 90% des divers changeurs de la place que nous citons ci-bas par ordre d'importance de nos achats:

Mahmoud Ibrahim Cambouris, Changeur, Suez.  
Mayer Dankour, Changeur, Suez.  
Ruben Dankour, Changeur, Suez.  
Ahmed Ibrahim Cambouris, Changeur, Suez.

La plupart des achats de ces changeurs, proviennent, nous en sommes certains, des Pèlerins allant ou venant du Hedjaz en Pèlerinage. Prenant comme exemple, la saison de cette année, nous dirons qu'à notre connaissance et autant que nous avons pu nous en rendre compte, il y a eu environ 15 ou 16 trains spéciaux venant de la Palestine avec des Pèlerins Palestiniens. Chaque train transportait de 500 à 600 Pèlerins de sorte que si nous prenons (x) quantité de Billets échangés par lui durant son passage à Suez, nous arrivons au chiffre de: 15 par 500 Pèlerins = 7500 Pèlerins à LP 10 chacun LP 75,000. Cette base de LP 10 est absolument insignifiante et très réduite, car nous avons vu de nos propres yeux des Pèlerins échangeant LP 150 à LP 200 à la fois. La saison de Pèlerinage à Suez entre le moment du départ et le moment de l'arrivée à Suez est d'environ 4 à 5 mois.

Nous devons mentionner toutefois, en réponse au second paragraphe de la lettre de la National Bank, qu'à part la provenance susdite de Billets de Banque Palestiniens, il y a le changeur Ahmed Ibrahim Cambouris de Suez - seulement lui - qui reçoit du Hedjaz et surtout après la fin de la saison du Pèlerinage là-bas, d'appréciables quantités de Billets de Banque et de l'or qu'il revend soit aux Banques soit à des passagers en partance pour la Palestine soit enfin à des diverses Maisons de change ou autres du Caire et qu'il couvre, pensons-nous, contre des T.T. sur Bombay et sur Aden. Ces envois lui sont faits du Hedjaz sous connaissements par bateaux de la Khedivial Mail Line et des fois par l'entremise du personnel du bord. Nous ne lui avons pas acheté de pareils billets, lorsque nous pouvons contrôler la chose comme aussi nous ne lui avons pas vendu depuis longtemps des T.T. sur Bombay et sur Aden et c'est pourquoi d'ailleurs nos opérations avec lui sont presque nulles.

(x) pour base un montant de LP 10 par Pèlerin comme étant la seule



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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and the seal of the said Department of the Interior at Washington, D.C., this 1st day of January, 1964.

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TO ALL WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME, I, the President of the United States, do hereby certify that the following is a true and correct copy of the original as the same appears in the records of the Department of the Interior:

AND I further certify that the same is a true and correct copy of the original as the same appears in the records of the Department of the Interior.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and the seal of the said Department of the Interior at Washington, D.C., this 1st day of January, 1964.

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

(S) [Signature]

DFR/14339

Office of Controller of  
GOVERNMENT OF PALESTINE  
Foreign Exchange,  
CHIEF SECRETARY'S  
JERUSALEM

22 FEB 1944  
22nd February, 1944.

The Chief Secretary,  
Government of Palestine,  
Jerusalem.

DEFENCE (FINANCE) REGULATIONS.

Pilgrimage to Mecca 1943.

Your Ref: F/EW/107/43

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I enclose for perusal and return correspondence with the Local Directors, Barclays Bank (D.C. & O.), Jerusalem with reference to certain drafts drawn by their Nablus branch on Suez and which were encashed by their correspondents in Jeddah without authority. My views in the matter are contained in the letter dated 11th January 1944 No.DFR/14796 to the Local Directors. The matter, however, was dealt with direct with Government by the Authorised Dealers over the telephone. They are now asking for official ruling in the matter with regard to their letter dated

P.T.O.



25th November, 1943 to Ruhi Bey  
Abdel Hadi.

I shall be obliged if you  
will place me in a position to  
reply to their enquiry.

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F/EW/107/43.

15<sup>th</sup> February, 1944.

Dear MR HANNAFORD.

(10)

With reference to your letter No. DFR/14339 dated the 21st January, on the subject of Pilgrimage to Mecca, 1943, I shall be glad if you will let us have your comments on the draft telegram *Savignani* at (14a) in our attached file No. F/EW/107/43.

Yours

C. F. Hannaford Esq.,  
Controller of Foreign Exchange,  
Jerusalem.



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IN REPLY PLEASE QUOTE

No. DFR/14339.



8th February, 1944.

The Chief Secretary,  
Government of Palestine,  
Jerusalem.

Subject:- DEFENCE (FINANCE) REGULATIONS.  
Pilgrimage to Mecca, 1943.

Yr. Ref:- F/EW/107/43.

10 Referring to my letter dated 21st ultimo, the Authorised Dealers advise that during the month of January, 1944 they have received from the Netherlands Trading Society, Jeddah further batches of notes totalling LR 28274 proceeds of which have been remitted to the non-resident account of the said Correspondents.

  
CONTROLLER OF FOREIGN  
EXCHANGE.



FROM  
BARCLAYS BANK (DOMINION, COLONIAL AND OVERSEAS),  
LOCAL HEAD OFFICE,  
JERUSALEM.

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25th January,

Your Ref. F/EW/107/43



The Chief Secretary,  
Government of Palestine,  
JERUSALEM.

Dear Sir,

(11a)  
With reference to your letter of the 21st instant  
we enclose herewith copy of a letter dated 6th December 1943,  
addressed by our Jerusalem Branch to the Nederlandsche Handel-  
(11b)  
Maatschappij Jeddah together with a copy of their reply and  
(11c)  
enclosure which are self explanatory.

Yours faithfully,

*[Handwritten signature]*  
LOCAL DIRECTOR.

Encl.





BARCLAYS BANK (DOMINION, COLONIAL AND OVERSEAS)  
(INCORPORATED IN THE UNITED KINGDOM WITH LIMITED LIABILITY)

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NEDERLANDSCHE HANDEL-MAATSCHAPPIJ, N.V.

Jeddah, January 5 1944.

The Barclays Bank (D.C. & O.)  
Jerusalem,  
Palestine.

Dear Sirs,

In reply to your letter of the 6th December last, which reached me on the 4th instant only, please note the following:-

During each pilgrims-season quite a number of foreign banknotes, especially Egyptian, Palestinian, Iraqi and British Indian banknotes, are imported in this country. Owing to the great offering in a comparatively short period, these banknotes are bought during the season by the local moneydealers and merchants against golden sovereigns at prices which are much lower than in the off-season.

The Money Dealers as a rule dispose of the banknotes quickly as to be able to make a greater turnover. The merchants, in the contrary, keep the notes as long as possible and dispose of them in the off-season, whenever they require sovereigns or T.T. Bombay or T.T. Cairo.

This is in short the reason why it has been possible that the notes remained so long here before repatriation.

The consignment of LP.9861.- on the 11th September last, was bought from one of the local money dealers, who on his turn had bought the notes from the Saudi Arabian Government. The Saudi Government had obtained these notes from the Palestinian pilgrims who had paid their taxes etc. with Palestinian banknotes.

What regards the last para of your letter under reply I regret to inform you that I was not aware of the fact that the Palestinian pilgrims for the current pilgrimage were only permitted to take a restricted number of notes. It is further practically impossible to generally compare the influx of Palestine Currency Notes to this country between this and last year, as I am not the only one who exports the Palestine Currency Notes from this country. According to information received some of the dealers exported during 1943 the Pal.£.notes purchased by them to Egypt, where they disposed of the notes at better prices than I was prepared to pay.

With reference to the above, I beg to refer to my letter dated 28th January 1943, to your Cairo Office who made similar enquiries as you. A copy of said letter is herewith enclosed.

Trusting to have given you all the information required by you.

Yours faithfully,

NEDERLANDSCHE HANDEL-MAATSCHAPPIJ N.V.  
(Netherlands Trading Society).  
(SGD.) AGENT.



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WEDERLANDSCHE HANDEL-MAATSCHAPPIJ, N.V.

Jeddah, January 2 1941.

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Geraad, Jeddah

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The commitment of L.P. 9661, - on the 15th December last, was bought from one of the local money dealers, who on his turn had bought the notes from the Saudi Arabian Government. The Saudi Government had obtained these notes from the Palestinian pilgrims who had paid their taxes etc. with Palestinian banknotes.

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COPY

JEDDAH 28TH January 1943.

The Manager,  
Barclays Bank (D.C. & O.),  
CAIRO.

Dear Sirs,

EXCHANGE CONTROL.

I thank you for your letter of the 30th ultimo with which you informed me that the Exchange Control Authorities have agreed to your opening a "resident" account in my name in addition to the "non-Resident" account which I already conduct with you. For your intermediary in this connection I am very grateful to you.

What regards your request to indicate which of my two accounts is to be debited, when drawing on you I beg to refer to my letter of the 11th instant.

With reference to the last para of your letter under reply as to how the large amount of notes received lately by you through your Port Sudan Branch was available for export so long after the previous pilgrimage season, I beg to inform you that next to the Saudi Riyal and the golden sovereign, Egyptian banknotes are used here for a great deal as circulating medium. Dealers who are selling gold to pilgrims are accepting all kind of foreign currency notes and as a rule only dispose of them when they have to purchase (as a rule) British Indian rupees in order to finance their imports. This is the main reason why it was possible to export big amounts Egyptian currency notes so long after the previous pilgrimage season. During this pilgrimage season merchants have been buying up as many Egyptian Banknotes as possible could. This time the local merchants were buying more for speculation purposes than for a purely business point of view as the rate of the Egyptian banknotes towards gold have been extraordinarily low, viz; Sov. 100.- £eg. 500.- à 510.- These bought-up notes most probably will be sold again later in the year.

You further asked me at what rate I buy the Egyptian banknotes. Against my purchases of Egyptian banknotes I sell as a rule T.T. Bombay at the rate of £eg. 1.- = Rs. 14.10.- less about 5% being my forwarding charges of the notes, including 4½% war risk.

Sometimes I buy Egyptian Banknotes against golden sovereigns but these quotations are subject to the local (suq) market rates which are fluctuating a great deal. During August 1942 the price of £eg. against gold was Sov. 100 = £eg. 430, while today's quotations are Sov. 100 = 502 £eg.

Trusting to have given you the information required.

Yours faithfully,  
(SGD.)

H.J. BARON VAN ISSELMUDEN

for ~~the~~ true copy:

NEDERLANDSCHE HANDEL MAATSCHAPPIJ N.V.  
(Netherlands Trading Society).

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DUPLICATE

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Jerusalem 6th December, 1943.

Nederlandsche Handel-Maatschappij, N.V.  
(Netherlands Trading Society),  
JEDDAH.

Dear Sirs,

We refer to your undermentioned consignments of Palestine Currency Notes and shall be grateful if you will kindly let us have further particulars as to the origin of these notes:-

<u>Date</u>	<u>Amount</u>
21.4.43	EP. 4,225.500
16.6.43	269.500
12.6.43	5,730.500
10.8.43	1,591.500
30.8.43	3,712.-
11.9.43	9,861.-
30.10.43	3,430.-

LP 28820 —

We know that you have certified that the notes are taken from bona fide Palestinian pilgrims and are of non-enemy origin, but from the facts before us it is difficult for us to reconcile the amount of the notes repatriated with the number of the pilgrims, more especially as it seems that all these notes were repatriated before the present season's pilgrims reached Jeddah. For instance, the consignment of LP.9861.- on the 11th September must have been collected from 1942 pilgrims and we are rather at a loss to understand why the notes remained so long before repatriation.

We shall be very grateful for any explanation you may be able to give us.

As you are probably aware, the pilgrims this year were only permitted to take a restricted number of notes and it would interest ~~me~~ us to know how the influx of Palestine Currency Notes to your country compares this year with last year.

(SGD)

K. HARGREAVES

MANAGER



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(Netherlands Trading Society),  
JORDAN.

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kindly let us have further particulars as to the origin of  
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21.4.43	21.4.43
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We know that you have certified that the notes are  
taken from bona fide Palestinian pilgrims and are of non-enemy  
origin, but from the facts before us it is difficult for us  
to reconcile the amount of the notes reported with the  
number of the pilgrims, more especially as it seems that all  
these notes were reported before the present season's pilgrims  
returned. For instance, the consignment of L.P. 9861-  
on the 11th September must have been collected from 1942 pilgrims  
and we are rather at a loss to understand why the notes remained so  
long before presentation.

We shall be very grateful for any explanation you may  
be able to give us.

As you are probably aware, the pilgrims this year were  
only permitted to take a restricted number of notes and it would  
interest us to know how the total of Palestine Currency Notes  
to your country compares this year with last year.

(Sd)

M. HARGREAVES

MANAGER



GOVERNMENT OF PALESTINE  
CHIEF SECRETARY'S OFFICE  
JERUSALEM  
24 JAN. 1944

OFFICE OF CONTROLLER OF FOREIGN EXCHANGE,  
BARCLAYS BANK  
(DOMINION, COLONIAL AND OVERSEAS),  
JERUSALEM.

21st January, 1944.

The Chief Secretary,  
Government of Palestine,  
Jerusalem.

Subject:- DEFENCE (FINANCE) REGULATIONS.

Pilgrimage to Mecca, 1943.

Yr. Ref:- F/EW/107/43.

Referring to your letter dated 6th ultimo, enclosed please find 2 copies of letters dated 5th and 28th January, 1943 received by Barclays Bank (D.C. & O), Jerusalem, from their correspondents in Jeddah the Nederlandsche Handel-Maatschappij N.V., (Netherlands Trading Society) which throw considerable light on the encashment of Palestine notes in Jeddah. As considerable portion of the notes appears to be tendered to them for encashment by merchants and money changers, I cannot understand how the said correspondents are in a position to furnish a non-enemy declaration together with a statement that they were all cashed for pilgrims. You will also observe that it is stated that the consignment of LP 9861 on 11.9.43 was bought from one of the local money-dealers, who on his turn had bought the notes from the Saudi Arabian Government. *and Egyptian*

2. In addition to the three consignments mentioned in my letter of 23rd November last the Authorised Dealers have subsequently received notes totalling a further LP 14311 making about LP 55000 since 1st May, 1943.

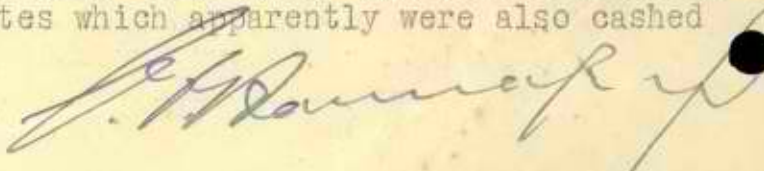
3. I would also draw your attention to the fact that in the enclosures it is stated that according to information received some of the dealers exported during 1943 the Palestine notes purchased by them to Egypt. This must be stopped, if possible. In this connection I am informed by the National Bank of Egypt, Central Exchange Control, Cairo, that during 1943 permits for the export from Egypt to Palestine of Palestine notes totalling LP 200,000 were issued by them, of which LP 125,000 were exported by the Cairo Branch of the Ottoman Bank and LP 63,000 by the Ottoman Bank, Port Said, leaving only about LP 20,000 for

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*A spare copy of the enclosures is available*

all the other banks in Egypt combined. I am asking the Egyptian Exchange Control to make further enquiries although in July last it was stated by the Ottoman Bank that the notes had been acquired in the normal course of banking business, or merely from "Sundry clients". The substance of their reply will be communicated to you in due course as you may eventually feel that some restriction on the repatriation of Palestine notes should be imposed, similar to those imposed in Egypt on the import of Egyptian notes. I do not consider that the whole of these notes have been taken out in small amounts by travellers to cover their ordinary travelling expenses. It seems probable that they have either been smuggled out from Palestine or Trans-Jordan or consist in part of remittances from Saudi Arabia of notes encashed for pilgrims and other persons.

4. For the present you may care to consider whether as the restrictions imposed on the encashment of Palestine notes in Saudi Arabia have hitherto proved ineffective and as H.M. Government are opposed to such facilities some ~~steps~~ <sup>representations</sup> should not be ~~taken~~ through the Minister of State, Cairo, whereby steps are taken by the Saudi Arabian Government to call in all Palestine notes in the country by a fixed date and thereafter to prohibit all dealings in Palestine notes whether by pilgrims or other persons. Presumably the same objections apply to Egyptian notes which apparently were also cashed in large quantities.



CONTROLLER OF FOREIGN  
EXCHANGE.



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NEDERLANDSCHE HANDEL MAATSCHAPPIJ, N.V.,  
JEDDAH.

Jeddah, January, 5 1944.

The Barclays Bank (D.C.&O),  
Jerusalem,  
Palestine.

Dear Sirs,

In reply to your letter of the 6th December last, which reached me on the 4th instant only, please note the following:-

During each pilgrims-season quite a number of foreign banknotes, especially Egyptian, Palestinian, Iraqi and British Indian banknotes, are imported in this country. Owing to the great offering in a comparatively short period, these banknotes are bought during the season by the local moneydealers and merchants against golden sovereigns at prices which are much lower than in the off-season.

A | The money dealers as a rule dispose of the banknotes quickly as to be able to make a greater turnover. The merchants, in the contrary, keep the notes as long as possible and dispose of them in the off-season, whenever they require sovereigns or TT Bombay or TT Cairo.

This is in short the reasons why it has been possible that the notes remained so long here before repatriation.

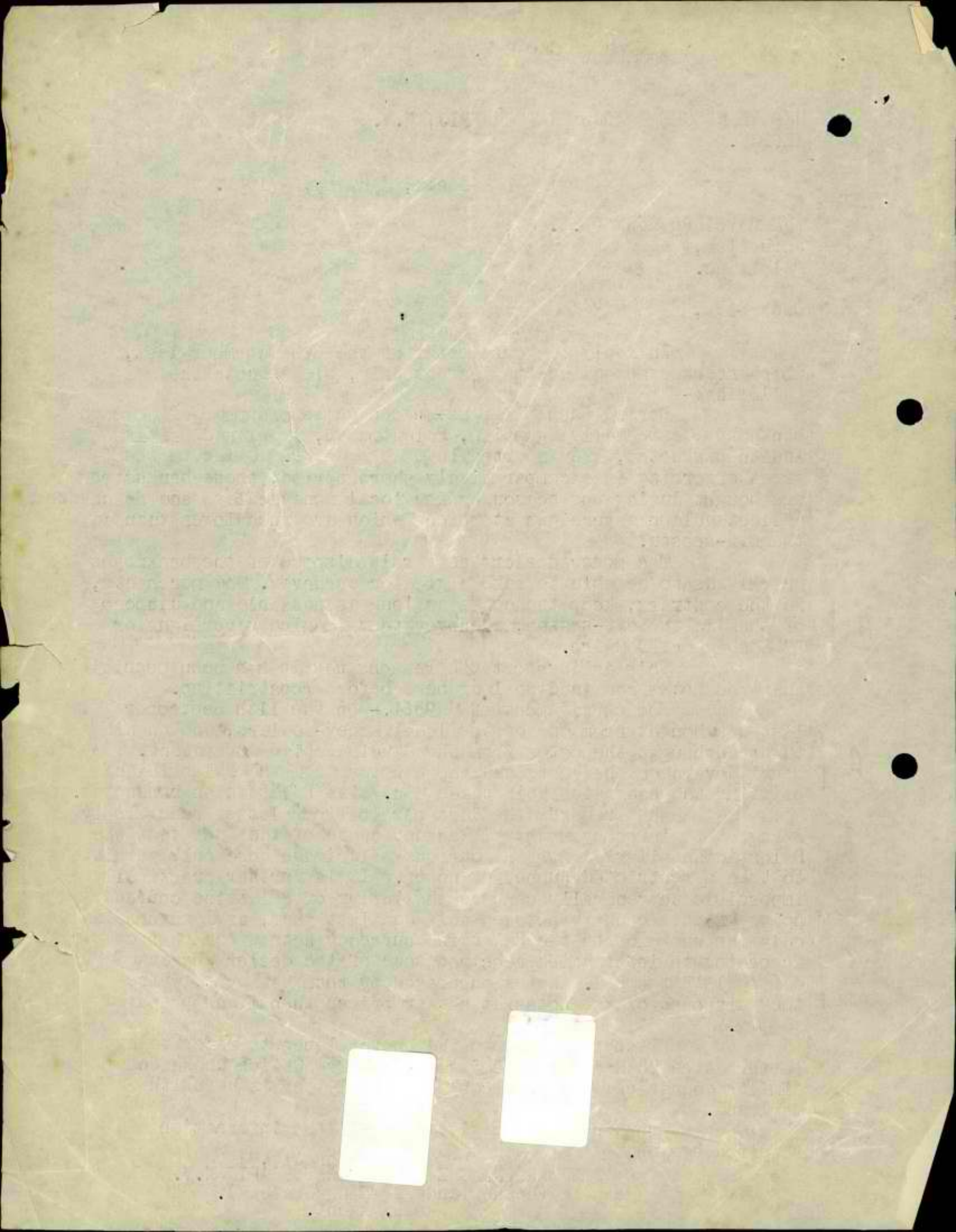
B | The consignment of LP 9861.- on the 11th September last was bought from one of the local money-dealers, who on his turn had bought the notes from the Saudi Arabian Government. The Saudi Government had obtained these notes from the Palestinian pilgrims who had paid their taxes etc. with Palestinian banknotes.

C | What regards the last para of your letter under reply I regret to inform you that I was not aware of the fact that the Palestinian pilgrims for the current pilgrimage were only permitted to take a restricted number of notes. It is further practically impossible to generally compare the influx of Palestine currency notes to this country between this and last year, as I am not the only one who exports the Palestine currency notes from this country. According to information received some of the dealers exported during 1943 the Pal.S notes purchased by them to Egypt, where they disposed of the notes at better prices than I was prepared to pay.

With reference to the above, I beg to refer to my letter dated 28th January 1943 to your Cairo Office who made similar enquiries as you. A copy of said letter is herewith enclosed.

Trusting to have given you all the information required by you.

Yours faithfully,  
NEDERLANDSCHE HANDEL MAATSCHAPPIJ N.V.  
(Netherlands Trading Society).  
SGD. Agent.





IN REPLY PLEASE QUOTE

No. DFR/14339.

GOVERNMENT OF PALESTINE

CHIEF SECRETARY &  
JERUSALEM

9 MAR 1944

OFFICE OF CONTROLLER OF FOREIGN EXCHANGE.

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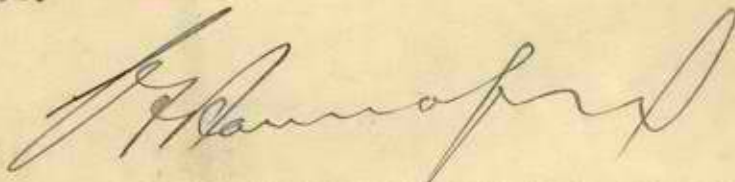
6th March, 1944.

The Chief Secretary,  
Government of Palestine,  
Jerusalem.

Subject:- DEFENCE (FINANCE) REGULATIONS.  
Pilgrimage to Mecca, 1943.

Yr.Ref:- F/EW/107/43.

(13) Referring to my letter dated 8th ultimo,  
the Authorised Dealers advise that during the month  
of February, 1944, they have received from the  
Netherlands Trading Society, Jeddah further batches  
of notes totalling LE 8196 proceeds of which have  
been remitted to the non-resident account of the  
said correspondents.



CONTROLLER OF FOREIGN EXCHANGE.

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C O P Y

Jeddah, 28th January, 1943.

The Manager,  
Nederlandsche Handel Maatschappij N.V.  
Cairo.

Dear Sirs,

EXCHANGE CONTROL.

I thank you for your letter of the 30th ultimo with which you informed me that the Exchange Control Authorities have agreed to your opening a "resident"-account in my name in addition to the "non-Resident" account which I already conduct with you. For your intermediacy in this connection I am very grateful to you.

What regards your request to indicate which of my two accounts is to be debited when drawing on you I beg to refer to my letter of the 11th instant.

With reference to the last para of your letter under reply as to how the large amount of notes received lately by you through your Port Sudan branch was available for export so long after the previous pilgrimage season, I beg to inform you that next to the Saudi Riyal and the golden sovereign, Egyptian banknotes are used here for a great deal as circulating medium. Dealers who are selling goods to pilgrims are accepting all kind of foreign currency notes and as a rule only dispose of them, when they have to purchase (as a rule) British Indian rupees in order to finance their imports. This is the main reason why it was possible to export big amounts Egyptian currency notes so long after the previous pilgrimage season. During this pilgrimage season merchants have been buying up as many Egyptian banknotes as possible could. This time the local merchants were buying more for speculation purposes than for a purely business point of view as the rate of the Egyptian banknotes towards gold have been extraordinarily low, viz., Sov. 100.- = Eeg. 500.- à 510.-. These bought-up notes most probably will be sold again later in the year.

You further asked me at what rate I buy the Egyptian banknotes. Against my purchases of Egyptian banknotes I sell as a rule TT Bombay at the rate of Eeg. 1.- = Rs. 14.10.- less about 5% being my forwarding charges of the notes, including 4½% warrisk.

Sometimes I buy Egyptian Banknotes against golden sovereigns but these quotations are subject to the local (suq) market rates which are fluctuating a great deal. During August 1942 the price of Eeg. against gold was Sov. 100 = Eeg. 430, while today's quotations are Sov. 100 = 502 Eeg.

Trusting to have given you the information required.

Yours faithfully,  
s/d

H. J. BARON VAN ISSELMUDEN

FOR TRUE COPY:

NEDERLANDSCHE HANDEL MAATSCHAPPIJ N.V.  
(Netherlands Trading Society)

AGENT.



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F/107/43

21 January, 1944

Sir,

I am directed to refer to your conversation on the 6th of December, 1943 with the Deputy Financial Secretary on the subject of remittances of Palestine Currency notes from the Netherlands Trading Society at Jeddah and to inquire whether you have received any further information from the Society with regard to the origin of the notes.

I am, Sir,  
Your obedient servant,

(Sgd.) E. G. BOURDILLON

CHIEF SECRETARY.

Local Director,  
Barclay's Bank,  
Jerusalem.

Mr. Bourdillon  
CS



February 1944

W. J. L. 1944

Mr.

I am pleased to hear of  
your observation of the bird  
on the 12th. It was a very  
fine specimen. I am sure  
it was a very fine specimen.  
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I am, Sir,  
Yours very truly,

(24) 1944

W. J. L.

W. J. L.  
Barley's Hill  
Bristol

Mr. Boulton  
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or Clear? Clear

# TELEGRAM

From, ~~Am~~ Jedda.

To: High Commissioner  
for Palestine.

Date despatched 17.12.43.

Date received 20.12.43.

GPP. 18322-3000-9-8-48

## IMPORTANT.

Addressed to Jerusalem saving telegram 25 December  
17th (Cairo please pass) repeated to Minister of State 327.

My telegram 77 paragraph 4.

I have received from Saudi Arabian Government sum of  
pounds Palestinian 19,201 and 209 repeat 19,201 and 209  
(gp.und.)s representing total amount collected by Saudi  
Arabian Government from Palestine pilgrims which arrived by  
Rod El Farag on her fourth voyage.

## Distribution.

Internal "A" (10)  
Brig. Clayton  
Embassy (3)  
Mr. France - action  
Jerusalem by bag.



**Abstract**

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F/EW/107/43.

6th December, 1943.

Controller of Foreign Exchange.

(1) I am directed to refer to your letter No. DFR/14339 of the 23rd November, regarding the repatriation of Palestine notes from Saudi Arabia and to confirm the directions given at today's meeting that Barclays Bank (D.C. & O) may for the present remit to their correspondents, the Netherlands Trading Society Jeddah the proceeds of notes which are accompanied by the signed declarations approved by you.

2. Mr. A.P.S. Clark undertook to communicate with the Society to obtain further information regarding the origin of the notes.

(12) The letter from Barclays to you of the 22nd November is returned herewith.

B.V. 6 January.

(sgd) Savage  
ACTING CHIEF SECRETARY.





BARCLAYS BANK (D.C. & O.),

JERUSALEM.

4th December, 1943.

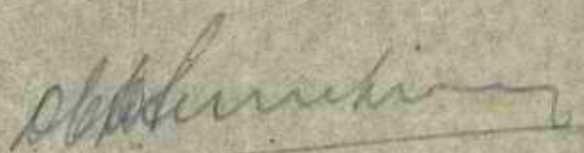
NETHERLANDS TRADING SOCIETY - JEDDAH.

Palestine Currency Notes received by us from the above-named at Jeddah, in all cases accompanied by their certificate that the notes are taken from bona fide Palestinian pilgrims and are of non enemy origin.

During: December, 1942	LP. 4750.-
January, 1943	4750½
May, 1943	4225½
June, 1943	6000.-
August, 1943	1581½
September, 1943	13573.-
November, 1943	3430.

LP. 36,320½

We have yesterday received from them a further 3 sendings totalling LP. 21166½ despatched by them in November, 1943.



MANAGER.



(DRAFT)

10/10/43

Letter to: Controller of Foreign  
Exchange.

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I am directed to refer to your letter No.DFR/14339 of the 23rd November, 1943, on the subject of Defence (Finance) Regulations - Pilgrimage to Mecca, 1943, and to inform you that as this year's pilgrimage started in the beginning of November, 1943, the proceeds stated in the letter addressed to you by Barclays Bank on the 22nd November, 1943, should be attributed to last year's pilgrimage when the export of a limited number of currency notes was not prohibited.

2. I am to confirm that the authorised dealers may continue to remit to their correspondences, the Netherlands Trading Society, Jedda, the

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proceeds of any further notes which  
are accompanied by the signed  
declaration referred to in

Barclays Bank's letter *which is accompa-*  
*nied by letter under reference*

3. The letter of Barclays Bank  
no. EX/CONTROL of 22nd Nov, 1943,  
is returned herewith Ag. C.S.

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BARCLAYS BANK (D.C. & O)

JERUSALEM,

22nd November, 1943.

EX/CONTROL.

The Controller of Foreign Exchange,  
Jerusalem.

Dear Sir,

NETHERLANDS TRADING SOCIETY, JEDDAH.

With reference to your letter DFR/P/3214 of the 19th November, 1942, as requested by Mr. Bird in our conversation of this morning, we give hereunder details of the Palestine Currency Notes we have received since May last from the above named, the proceeds of which have been remitted to their Non-Resident Account with the National Provincial Bank Ltd., London :-

<u>Date of entry in our B/C ledger</u>	<u>Amount</u>
13. 5.1943	£P. 4225.500
30. 6.1943	£P. 269.500
30. 6.1943	£P. 5730.500
21. 8.1943	£P. 1591.500
14. 9.1943	£P. 3712.
23. 9.1943	£P. 9861.
16.11.1943	£P. 3430.
	£P. 28820.
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We have also received advice from them of two further sendings for £P.9400 and £P.2692.500 which they sent us on the 11th and 13th instant respectively. The actual notes, however, have not yet arrived.

In all cases the Netherlands Trading Society cover their sendings with the following signed declaration :-

"I hereby certify that these notes are originating from bona fide Palestine pilgrims. I further declare that these notes have not been cashed by an enemy and are not from Enemy origin."

this being in accordance with your letter of the 19th November, 1942.

In view of the regulations covering the financial side of this year's pilgrims, whereby each pilgrim was limited to an amount not exceeding £P.5 in Palestine Currency Notes when leaving this country, we should be glad to know whether the authority you gave us in your letter of the 19th November, 1942, still holds good. In the meantime, we propose accepting their sendings the proceeds of which we shall remit to London for their Non-Resident Account, unless we hear from you to the contrary.

Yours faithfully,

(Sgd.) ?

for MANAGER

No. DEF/14339.

GOVERNMENT OF PALESTINE

OFFICE OF CONTROLLER OF FOREIGN EXCHANGE.

CHIEF SECRETARY'S OFFICE

JERUSALEM BARCLAYS BANK

(DOMINION, COLONIAL AND OVERSEAS)

21 NOV. 1943 JERUSALEM.

U R G E N T

23rd November, 1943.

The Chief Secretary,  
Government of Palestine,  
Jerusalem.

Subject:- DEFENCE (FINANCE) REGULATIONS.  
Pilgrimage to Mecca 1943

Your Ref:- SF/70/43.

I refer to the recent Defence (Finance) (Currency Restrictions) (Moslem Pilgrims Exemption) Order 1943 dated 25th October 1943, and to the subsequent amending Exemption Order dated 13th November, 1943.

2. In this connection I enclose for perusal and return a letter from Barclays Bank (D.C.&O.), Jerusalem, dated 22nd instant from which you will gather that considerable amounts of Palestine currency are still being repatriated by their correspondents in Jeddah including apparently three amounts totalling LP. 3430.-, LP. 9400.- and LP. 2692.500 in respect of this year's pilgrimage. With regard to the previous amounts which only cover the period from May 1943, while they are accompanied by a declaration that the notes originate with bona fide Palestine pilgrims, I cannot understand how this can be the case unless the notes have been in circulation in Saudi Arabia since the last pilgrimage.

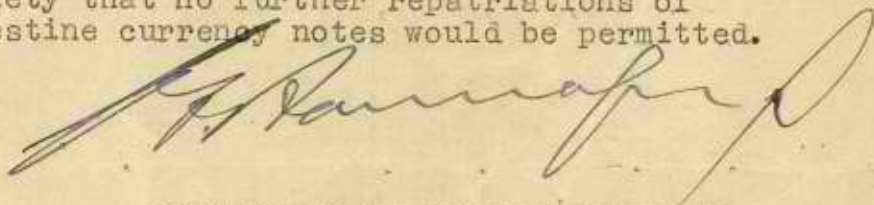
3. Whatever may be the true origin of these notes the fact remains that by some means this year's pilgrims are still managing to export considerable sums of Palestine currency to Saudi Arabia and it is hardly likely that large amounts have already accumulated from offerings of the limited amount of

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LP. 5. - which each pilgrim was permitted to take in addition to 15 gold sovereigns. One possible explanation is that the Police or other officials in charge of the various parties may not be exercising a sufficiently rigorous search of the pilgrims before they leave Palestine or Transjordan.

4. I shall be glad to receive your confirmation that the Authorised Dealers may continue to remit to their correspondents, the Netherlands Trading Society, Jeddah, the proceeds of any further notes which are accompanied by the signed declaration referred to in the enclosure. It would probably lead to complications if remittances were not allowed in respect of notes already encashed, but it would, of course, be possible, although possibly not politic to cable to the Netherlands Trading Society that no further repatriations of Palestine currency notes would be permitted.



CONTROLLER OF FOREIGN EXCHANGE.

Encl.





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GOVERNMENT OF PALESTINE

C. S. O.

SUBJECT

*Defence (Finance) Regulations.*  
*Pilgrimage to Mecca. 1943.*  
*Netherlands Trading Society, Jeddah.*

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CONNECTED FILES

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SUBJECT

*F/EW/143/42*

*Defence (Finance) Regulations*  
*Pilgrimage to Mecca*